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CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MISS HARRIET VARNEY

DEDDHAM, Dec. 14.—Clinging to her story under cross-examination today, Miss Harriet A. Varney accused of the murder of Mrs. Pauline A. Keyes, repeated that she had been under the influence of the murdered woman's husband. She had loved him, she said but not for several years. The defense has sought to show that the husband, Geo. H. Keyes, was the dominating influence in the life of the defendant.

Miss Varney said she could not remember whether there was an elevator in the Providence hotel to which Keyes had taken her after she had been drugged, according to her claim, in 1911.

"And yet you can remember that you walked into the Back Bay station on June 19, 1917, at 12:03 o'clock," commented District Attorney Frederick G. Katzmann.

The witness again described the dinner party at which she said in her direct examination Keyes placed a drug in the lemonade she was drinking and told once more of her life with Keyes at New York hotels. She denied that she had ever received Keyes in her home in Providence or that there was in which she lived there was occupied solely by women.

Then the prosecution took another tack.

"Did you ever love Geo. H. Keyes?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Did you ever hate him?"

"No."

Again she answered: "I do not love Geo. H. Keyes now and have not for several years," and at another time she said:

"I never hated him but I did not love him on June 13. I think he always had control over me. I did not love him on June 17 but he knew I was afraid my sister would learn of our relations."

June 13 was the date upon which she had gone to Keyes, according to her testimony, to tell him that she was going to leave him. The day before she had come to Brookline to expose to Mrs. Keyes her own relations with the real estate dealer, according to her testimony. She did not find Mrs. Keyes at home.

Continuing her testimony as to Keyes' alleged control over her, Miss Varney said:

"When I was in his presence I would do anything he wanted."

Questioned as to whether he could control her by letter, she answered that he could, and added:

"I was afraid to refuse to meet him. I was afraid he would come to my sister's home in Lynn and create a scandal. I was afraid I had or turned by back on him he would find me and shoot me."

Reiterating her denial yesterday that she had never held the second hand of a Clarke Goodchild in Providence, R. I., where it is charged she bought a revolver, Miss Varney said she had never held the large gun which the district attorney said marked it. She could not remember about her hours of duty at the Howard hospital on March 16, the day the state claims the revolver was purchased.

When questioned about a discrepancy about her testimony on telephone calls to Keyes' office and his answers on the same subject to the district attorney on the night of her arrest, Miss Varney said she was very much excited that night.

Witness in Tears

"That night you said you would not talk but would go with me," said the district attorney. "What did you mean by that?"

"I meant I would go into the house with you. That was what I meant," said the witness, beginning to cry.

After Miss Varney had denied that she ever went to a room in a Boston lodging house occupied by Keyes and said she was his wife, or that she knew a Mrs. Olinger, the latter was summoned into the witness stand.

"Have you ever seen that lady before?" the witness was asked.

After a long pause Miss Varney answered "No."

When asked why, if she thought the wife with whom Keyes was living in Brookline was the one from whom she later learned he had been divorced, she inquired as to her appearance. Miss Varney said:

"He had lied to me so many times I thought he might have lied about her appearance."

At first she said she had read of Mrs. Keyes' death when she reached her sister's home in West Upton, the following day, but later she changed this testimony saying she had read of it while in the railroad station on the way home.

Miss Varney's testimony was concluded at 2:30. One question on cross-examination and one on direct examination of previous testimony were the only ones asked when the defendant returned to the witness stand after the noon recess.

Did Not Kill Mrs. Keyes

DEDDHAM, Dec. 14.—In a firm, clear voice, which could be heard distinctly all over the courtroom, Harriet Varney declared yesterday afternoon that she did not kill Pauline A. Keyes, wife of George H. Keyes.

The ringing claim of innocence came shortly before 4:30, in reply to a question by her counsel, after she had been told the witness stand for four hours telling the jury the story of her life, including her relations with George H.

Keyes, some of it given in an under-stand which on the judge jury, district attorney and her senior counsel could hear.

This part of her testimony was of such a nature that both sides agreed to taking the evidence in an under-stand.

So low did Miss Varney speak, that the court stenographer, who previously sat about three feet away, was obliged to move nearer the witness stand in order to take down her words, and Judge O'Connell had to lean over the bench to hear her. The jurymen had to strain their ears to follow her testimony.

It required some urging on the part of her counsel to get her to give the evidence as to why Keyes brutally beat her while they were living together on the Winthrop shore drive. At the direction of her counsel she walked over to the jurymen and exhibited the scar she claims that assault left on her left cheek under the eye.

Then came the climax of the direct examination when Attorney O'Connell, in measured tones, asked:

"Did you, on the 13th day of June last, kill Pauline Keyes?"

Without a moment's hesitation, Harriet Varney replied:

"Your witness, Mr. District Attorney," said Mr. O'Connell with a cheer-ful and a sweep of his right arm in the direction of Mr. Katzmann.

An audible sigh of relief went up from the crowded courtroom, as the spectators relaxed from the tension they had been under for hours. Every eye was then shifted to the district attorney, whose first words to the prisoner were:

"Miss Varney, you have been on the witness stand for a long time today. Are you tired? If you wish, we will postpone further examination until tomorrow morning."

Miss Varney showed signs of nervousness. Her face was flushed and the tears again flowed. She wiped her eyes several times and then recovering her self-possession, replied:

"I am ready to go on now."

Judge O'Connell, however, following a conference of attorneys, ordered adjournment until 10 this morning.

Russian Delegates to Begin Peace Negotiations as Soon as Armistice is Signed

Struggle for Power in Interior Russia Growing More Bitter—Advantages Claimed by Both Sides—Berlin Papers Predict German Offensive on the Western Front

Official announcement is made by the Bolshevik government at Petrograd that the Russian delegates to the armistice conference now in progress at Brest-Litovsk are empowered to begin peace negotiations with the central powers if an armistice is signed.

Both Sides Claim Success

Meanwhile the struggle for power in interior Russia is growing more bitter. Advantages in the civil warfare are claimed by both sides. The Bolsheviks assert success in the fighting with Gen. Kaledin's Cossacks in the vicinity of Bielsk, some 300 miles south of Moscow while the Cossacks are reported victorious at Rostov-on-Don, capturing the city and forcing the Bolshevik troops to retreat across the Don.

Artillery Fighting

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the Champagne, the war office announces.

Italian War Report

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 13. (By the Associated Press).—After three days of fighting on the mountain front between the Brenta and Piave rivers the enemy is holding some trenches on Col. Baratta and the summit of Monte Spiluvica, but the rest of the Italian line is in its original position. This is the enemy's third successive attack with the object of breaking through to the plains.

The backward season continues to be an important factor. A downpour in the last two days has filled the Piave, which had nearly run dry, obliterating the water barrier with the enemy trenches only a few hundred yards away. The water in the inundated section along the lower Piave also had fallen from five feet to a foot. The rains again made the river a fairly deep barrier and effectively increased the depth of water in the inundated sections. Taking advantage of the low water, the Austrians occupied a villa near the legion of Venetians, the vicinity of Boro Cavallino. The Italian destroyer Sauro managed to work into the lagoon and landed a party of sailors who destroyed the villa, together with the telephone and machine guns which had been installed.

British Balloon Over Dutch Village

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Several news dispatches from Holland agree that the aircraft which descended in a Dutch village yesterday was not an airship, but a British army balloon, which is said to have drifted across the North sea from England.

British Beaten Back

BERLIN, Dec. 14, via London.—British troops endeavoring to recapture the trenches they had lost to the east of Bullecourt, on the Cambrai battlefield, were beaten back yesterday, the German general staff announced. On the front of Duke Albrecht in eastern France, the French artillery fire increased.

U.S. IS DEVELOPING MINERAL RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Van H. Manning, director of the bureau of Mines, in his annual report, made public last night, says such rapid strides are being made toward developing within the United States sources of potash, nitrate, iron, pyrites for manufacturing sulphuric acid and manganese that it may soon be possible to reduce the importation of these commodities and release ship tonnage for other war work.

WALTHAM WOMAN WAS FATALY SHOT

WALTHAM, Dec. 14.—Police authorities today were investigating the shooting of Miss Nathalie King of Alston, who died at a hospital here last night, refusing to make any explanation of how she received a bullet wound in the chest. She was about here Wednesday night after she had appeared at the home of F. A. Foster at Weston, saying that she had shot herself. Others questioned her at the hospital but she declined, they said, to make any statement or to repeat her previous assertion that she did the shooting.

No weapon has been found and Medical Examiner George L. West said that he was not satisfied that it was a case of suicide.

BAY STATE MAN BLOCKS VOTE ON SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Majority leader Kitchin sought unanimous consent of the house today to vote on the constitutional suffrage amendment, but Representative Walsh, Massachusetts, objected, and that ended it for the time being.

DIVIDEND OF \$20 A SHARE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, today declared a special dividend of \$20 a share, payable in bonds of Great Britain and in Liberty bonds.

The Sun reaches the people who earn their money in Lowell and spend it in Lowell stores. It pays to advertise in The Sun, Lowell's greatest newspaper.

British Storm German Post

In the Cambrai district yesterday the British stormed a German post on the southern end of the sector, while on the northern end there was bomb fighting in which German prisoners were captured. German artillery has been especially active south of the Scarpe in the Aras area and northwest of Vres in Flanders. Intermittent artillery activity continues along the French front. The only infantry action has been near Juncourt, north of Rheims, where a German attack was repulsed.

Bitter Fighting on Italian Front

East of the Brenta river, on the northern Italian front, there has been further bitter fighting. Austro-German troops, reinforced by fresh reserves, attacked the Italian positions

SNOW STORM INTERFERES WITH TRAVEL

The biggest snow storm of the season—so far—began falling "sometime after midnight" this morning, and continued steadily until 6 o'clock, when it let up a little, but it was well on to 7:30 o'clock before the last flake had descended upon the Spindle City. The Lake and Canada office, the sine qua non of local measurements, gave out the information this noon that between 7 1/2 and 3 inches of the undisturbed element had fallen in Lowell. There was sufficient wind, however, to make matters move on the ground as early morning pedestrians found to their displeasure. The storm could not be characterized as a blizzard—it was merely inconvenient.

As usual, the local and suburban transportation facilities were affected by the storm and early this morning the cars were away off their regular running time. The Bay State people had 16 plows working this morning, and the "Bostons" got going nothing could stop them.

After the first trips had been made on the various lines, things began to resume a normal character and by noon most of the lines were running on approximate schedule time.

The Boston & Maine people had their usual difficulties and early trains this morning were away off.

An official of the road said this noon that the road had been received from Kennebec, N. H., that four feet of snow had fallen up there and this, of course, interfered greatly with the northern trains. As the morning progressed, however, conditions improved. The trains are not yet on their regular schedule time, but are approximately making it.

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HEAD OF SUGAR REFINING CO. BLAMES HOOVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Declaring that there is no shortage of sugar in the United States and that the famine is local to the Atlantic seaboard, President Sprickles of the Federal Sugar Refining Co., testifying today at the senate committee's investigation, placed the responsibility on the food administration. Sugar, he declared, was now passing through New York for Canada because of higher prices.

The sugar going through New York Sprickles said, was raw and the Canadian refiners paid a higher price.

"We entered into an agreement with the food administration to pay a certain price for raw sugars," said Sprickles.

"We adhered to that agreement and the product normally imported into this country went abroad because better prices could be obtained. We were forced to close our refineries for lack of supplies."

"If you could pay a higher price now could you open your refineries?" Senator Sprickles asked.

"Not at once. Much of the supply has gone abroad and it would take time to get the raw product here."

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 14.—One man was killed and five injured during a fire and an explosion today at an acid plant of the Du Pont Powder Co., 18 miles from here. After the fire had been extinguished from the city broke

NO COMMENT FROM SEC. BAKER ON SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Statements regarding the prospective delivery of the Browning machine gun to the war department, and other matters the witness declined to discuss publicly, were given today by Maj. Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, at an executive session of the senate military committee's inquiry into delays in supplying the army.

Admissions yesterday of the existence of a machine gun shortage and that the American troops in France had been supplied with French weapons brought a running fire of questions from committee members.

Gen. Crozier put the responsibility for the shortage squarely upon Secretary Baker, asserting that the secretary had taken a personal interest in the matter and ordered tests of various machine guns which resulted in the adoption of a new gun known as the Browning type.

Other than to say that the committee was properly seeking information and that the Browning gun had been approved by a special board appointed for the purpose, Secretary Baker declined to comment on Gen. Crozier's statements.

BLIZZARD CRIPPLES ALL TRAFFIC IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A snow storm approaching blizzard proportions that raged throughout the night crippled all traffic in New York today, interrupting telegraph and telephone service, brought interstate traveling to a halt, and accentuated the serious shortage of coal. The gale whipped up a heavy sea, driving small craft to cover and causing considerable damage along the water front. At midnight the city was covered with five inches of snow.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY EXCHANGE PRISONERS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Russian authorities have ordered the release of all civilian German prisoners in exchange for 4000 Russian officers in German prisons, according to a despatch from Haparanda, printed in the Dagens Nyheter of Stockholm, and forwarded by the correspondent of the Morning Post.

It is reported reliably, the despatch adds, that Russian troops have been ordered to evacuate inland. The commander of the fortifications at Swaborg is said to have acknowledged officially the independence of Finland.

STEAMER KURLAND SUNK IN COLLISION

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The steamer Kurland has been sunk in a collision, according to announcement made by Lloyd's.

According to available shipping records there are three steamers named Kurland, one Belgian and two Russian. The Belgian steamer Kurland, 1885 tons, arrived in an American port on Nov. 10. The Russian steamers named Kurland are of 886 and 512 tons respectively.

16,639 ITALIANS TAKEN IN FOUR DAYS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—An official Austrian statement reviewing the recent attack on the northern Italian front says that in the four days of fighting in the Meletta region 629 Italian officers and more than 16,000 men were made prisoners. The capture is also reported of 298 guns, 233 machine guns, four quick fivers, 81 mine throwers and a quantity of other materials.

JUVENILE COURT

Henry J. DePue, John F. Gargan and Wesley G. Kenney, aged about 16 years, appeared before the juvenile session of the police court this morning on complaints charging them with breaking and entering and larceny. According to the testimony produced the trio made breaks in stores in Chapel, Graham and Central streets last Sunday night and stole a small amount of money, they caused considerable damage owing to the fact that they tossed things around in the different stores. De Poo was sentenced to the school at Shirley while the other two boys were placed on probation.

Norbert R. McBride, charged with the larceny of money from the store of Allyn C. Taylor in Merrimack street, was found guilty and sentenced to the Lyman school.



Six Minute Pudding

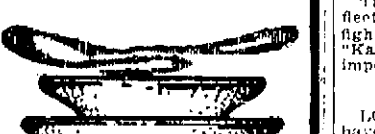
Here's a new one—a most delicious dessert that can be made in a hurry.

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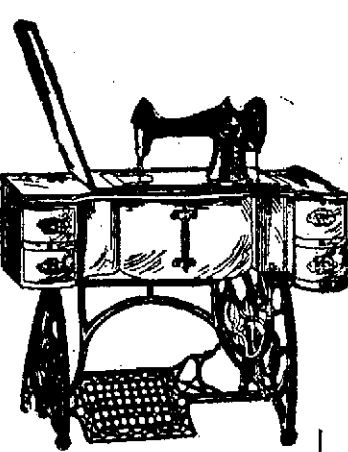
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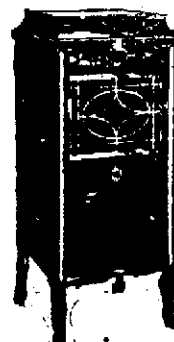
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IN LOWELL AND VICINITY

KERENSKY IN DANGER OF LYNCHING

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—Civil offenders in the Petrograd prisons have been removed to jails in the provinces to make room for counter-revolutionary suspects, who are being arrested continually.

The lodgings of Mme. Kerensky, wife of the former premier, were searched today by soldiers. She was told that she had better notify Kerensky to come to the Smolny institute voluntarily or he would be in great danger of lynching if found.

The members of the constitutional democratic party now in prison will be tried by revolutionary tribunals. Bolshevik leaders express the opinion that the probable penalty will be exile abroad for one year or more.

The senate, the highest Russian court, which has been abolished by the Bolsheviks today held a secret meeting at which it was determined that the members should continue in their offices.

The socialist newspapers appeared this morning without advertisements and carried a long protest against the Bolshevik advertising monopoly.

The people's commissaries continue to attempt to carry out their program. It is announced that the elections of officers for the army for which all men are eligible, will begin today. A decree abolishing all ranks and titles becomes effective tomorrow. The commissaries have declared all agricultural implements a government monopoly and all machines will be distributed for the equitable farming of all lands.

To Enter Peace Negotiations

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd, announces that if an armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

Korniloff's Cossacks Defeated

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13, 6 p. m.—The battle near Bielgorod, according to a Bolshevik report, Gen. Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated. They retreated to Vasilievka.

In connection with the battle at Rostov, the evening newspapers report that the Bolsheviks, the Bolshevik forces having retreated across the Don river to Nakhichevan.

The staff report on the Bielgorod fighting says that the Korniloff forces lost 50 killed and 80 prisoners. The report adds that Gen. Korniloff has disappeared.

A description of the Rostov fighting says that shells fired by Bolshevik gunboats in the river missed their objective, but landed in the barracks of a Cossack detachment which had decided to remain neutral, but which fought for Kaledines when disturbed by the shells. It is reported that Gen. Kaledines is prepared to negotiate with the Bolsheviks in order to avoid further bloodshed around Rostov.

"Death Battalion" Defeated

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—The Bolshevik forces have defeated a "death battalion" in the vicinity of Bielgorod, where the fighting with Korniloff and Kaledines forces centers. In the Bielgorod district where General Dutoff has a large force of Cossacks, there has been little fighting and the Bolsheviks have sent agitators to work among his troops. It is reported that Kaluzha has been taken by the Bolsheviks after the defeat of a counter-revolutionary "death battalion."

Success for Bolshevik Troops

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Bolshevik troops have occupied Tamanovka and Kaluzha, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd.

Tamanovka was occupied by troops

from Petrograd while Kaluzha was captured without much fighting. The counter-revolutionary troops there were disarmed and arrested and Bolshevik authority restored.

The commissaries with the Black sea fleet have telegraphed asking for the immediate despatch by land and water of all Black sea detachments now ashore. They also ask for a large number of machine guns. The commissaries report that military cadets are attacking Rostov with armored cars.

Tamanovka is near Bielgorod in Kusk province, about 350 miles south of Moscow. There is a railroad town named Kaluzha, in the province of the same name, which lies about 100 miles southwest of Moscow.

Kaledines Begins Hostilities

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12, 8:30 p. m.—Gen. Kaledines has begun hostilities and is besieging the city of Rostov-on-the-Don, according to a telegram received in Sebastopol from Rostov. Within Rostov the Bolshevik troops have clashed with the Cossacks, who have destroyed the Bolshevik headquarters. The transport Kaledines, manned by Bolsheviks is bombarding the Kaledines forces.

Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, aged 38 years 8 months, has knit a pair of red, white and blue socks to give President Wilson as a Christmas present.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Peter Logan, charged with drunkenness, carrying a pistol without a permit and assault with intent to murder Christos Spanos on the night of Dec. 8th, appeared before Judge Fisher in police court this morning, but owing to the fact that the complainant is still confined to the hospital, it was agreed among counsel and the court to have the matter continued until Dec. 28.

Liquor For Soldiers

William S. Hunter was charged with being drunk and, while he did not deny the allegation, he protested his innocence when Officers Moore and Cooney testified that they saw him receive money from a soldier in John street about 9:30 o'clock last night, after which he went to a wholesale liquor store and returning with a pint of whiskey was about to pass it to the soldier when Officer Cooney grabbed him. The defendant admitted that he had sold the law relative to the delivery of liquor to soldiers and knew the consequences. He admitted that he had received \$2 in money from a soldier whom he did not know, but that he had no intention of violating the law. Mr. Hunter was found guilty and will spend the next ten days in jail.

James Mahoney was another alleged liquor dealer. According to the testimony offered by Officers Cooney and Moore, they saw three soldiers approach Mahoney in Bridge street last night. The soldiers gave the defendant money and he went away after which he returned and had two half pints and one pint bottle of whiskey which he turned over to the soldiers. A member of the provincial guard force camped in Ayer was with the officers at the time that the alleged delivery took place. Mahoney was found guilty and sentenced to one month in jail.

Other Offenders

Frank J. Watson pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with the larceny of clothing from an unknown person. At the request of the govern-

ment the case was continued until next Tuesday, Watson being held under \$200 bonds for his appearance at that time.

Frank Forham, otherwise known as Frank Farham, was charged with the larceny of \$3 in money, the property of Arthur B. Humphrey, a stablekeeper in Church street. Mr. Humphrey informed the court that the defendant

worked for him several days around the stable and that on the night of the 19th of November, after going home he received word from Forham that a man who owed a bill to the stable had paid \$3. Mr. Humphrey told Forham to turn the money in the following morning, but when he came to the place the next morning he found that

Forham had not put in an appearance and after waiting for a week or more the matter was reported to the police and Forham was placed under arrest.

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CAPT. DAVID G. MOFFATT

Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, the night after Christmas.

The proceeds of the affair will go to establish a company fund for the personal needs of the soldiers which government allowances fail to provide for. Practically all the units at Ayer as well as those in foreign service have established such a fund and the military officials look upon it kindly because it indirectly helps to maintain morale and discipline in the cantonment.

Capt. David G. Moffatt of Quincy, the commander of the Lowell boys, is more than enthusiastic over the coming affair and he is working hard to

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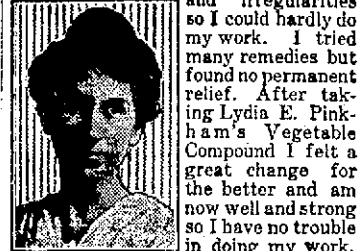
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make it a success. There are 140 Lowell boys in Co. C, the largest number of local soldiers connected with any one unit at Camp Devens. A committee is already at work on the affair and is soliciting advertisements for the concert program from local merchants and business houses. George Clarke of the village will be general manager of the dance. The committee at work at present consists of Corp. James H. Hogan, Privates William E. Connor, James O'Connor, Charles Sadlier and Edward Sheehan. The other officers for the dance will be elected later.

The first definite steps in the matter of gaining the co-operation of local clubs and organizations as well as the general public in the coming dance will be taken at a meeting to be held in Elks' hall, Middle street, next Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Commissioner James E. Donnelly has secured the use of the hall for the occasion and it is anticipated that there will be a large representation of local organizations as well as of the general public. Without the co-operation of these factors the boys in olive drab will not be able to accomplish what they wish and it is the patriotic duty of every person in Lowell who has had any experience in such affairs as the boys are planning to undertake to be present at Sunday's meeting.

BELGIANS ARE GRATEFUL FOR U.S. ARMY GIFT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A cable dispatch yesterday to the commission for relief in Belgium said the people of the sections of that country occupied by the Germans will be glad to have the civilian clothing offered by America's first National army soldiers to keep the Belgians warm this winter.

Conditions in Belgium will be very severe this winter, the dispatch said, and advice from the inside indicated that the people rejoice at the prospect of receiving the clothing, which is now being collected through the American army camps and cantonments.

Already nearly 3000 complete suits of warm clothing have been boxed for shipment and in addition there are large numbers of shoes, hats, caps and under garments have been collected at the camps. When this clothing reaches Belgium it will be made up into thousands of women and men employed in such work.

The clothing committee in Brussels is supported by cash contributions and the funds of this and the many other organizations, such as those for debilitated children, milk for babies and the league against tuberculosis, the dispensaries, the refugees and soup kitchens are being largely augmented by contributions from special committees in the United States, forwarded through the commissions.

ITALIANS TORPEDO TWO AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbor of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft on the night of Dec. 9 is reported in a message received here yesterday by Commander C. Fister of the Italian navy.

The information was contained in a telegram received by Commander Fister from Capt. L. Vannutelli, naval attaché of the Italian embassy at Washington.

"After successfully crossing several obstructions and mine fields," the dispatch said, "the Italian torpedo boats entered the harbor of Trieste, where they fired four torpedoes against two Austrian men-of-war of the Monarch type. All the torpedoes reached their targets and exploded."

Though the most intense artillery fire was concentrated against the attacking torpedo boats, and though even torpedoes were fired against them, all of our units returned safely and unhurt to their home bases."

A London dispatch received Wednesday quoted a Vienna official statement as saying the Austrian battleship "Wien" was sunk on Sunday night, the date mentioned in the foregoing communication. Most of the crew was saved.

My Annual December Sale

SUIT TO ORDER

\$12.50

I want to get rid of \$8000 worth of woollens between now and the tenth of January. All ends in stock ranging from a suit pattern to 15 yards I have sorted out. WORSTEDS, TWEEDS, SERGES, FANCY MIXTURES, all wool and all worsteds guaranteed. Some of these patterns sold as high as \$22.50, and if purchased in today's market I would have to get more money for them.

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My windows will be filled with the finest styles imaginable for Suit or Overcoat. Everything in my windows is marked in plain figures. Goods in the window will be taken out for the asking and made to your measure and order any style you want for the market price.

I call special attention to an AMERICAN WOOLEN CO. BLUE SERGE which I am showing in this sale, 14 ounce weight, all year wear, and a guaranteed fabric.

I have several ends of fancy plaid back overcoatings in browns, grays and greenish mixtures. Just the thing for the sport and trench coats for young men, included in this sale; also a number of staple patterns for the conservative dresser in oxford grays, black jerseys and vicunas. These goods would cost today around \$4.25 per yard, but I happened to get hold of a trade early in the season. To go further for the customer's benefit I have placed a number of these styles in my open doorway where you can see and handle them without entering. Prices to be

Overcoat Made to Order

ANY STYLE

\$15.00

GOVERNMENT TO CUT SUGAR RATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a portless day, and one wheatless and meatless meal a day will be recommended to householders in a new kitchen card soon to be put out by the food administration. Observance of wheatless and meatless meals will be asked, in addition to the wheatless and meatless days called for now.

The normal consumption of sugar in the United States has been more than seven pounds a month for each person. If the new directions are followed universally it will cut its use to below half.

The cards will caution against hoarding foodstuffs in homes, pointing out that the practice not only is selfish, but that it contributes to high prices and defeats the purposes of the food administration in seeking an equitable distribution.

The reverse side of the card carries a message to householders on the world food situation and the duty of Americans towards feeding the allies.

IMMENSE PREPARATIONS FOR BIG GERMAN DRIVE

GENEVA, Dec. 14.—Swiss travelers crossing the frontier from Germany tell of immense preparations going on there for an offensive on the western front. Ammunition, provisions and materials of every kind are being concentrated in upper Rhine towns, through which military trains pass frequently bound west. Ordinary freight traffic has been suspended for ten days.

NEW YORK WANTS COAL FOR SICK AND POOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Health and market officials of New York city took steps today to relieve the sick and the poor from the serious effects of insufficient heat through the coal shortage.

In a letter to Dr. J. A. Garfield, federal fuel administrator, Dr. Henry Emerson, head of the department of health, appealed for fuel to heat the homes of the sick, who he said, were dying in increasing numbers as a result of inadequate supply of heat.

An appeal for the poor was made by Dr. Henry Moskowitz, commissioner of public markets, who said in a letter to Acting Mayor Frank L. Bowlin that small dealers are taking advantage of the shortage to sell coal at inflated prices and weights at prices which would amount to more than \$30 a ton. Dr. Moskowitz urged that the board press a pending ordinance providing for the sale of coal by weight only.

Health Commissioner Emerson's letter said that in addition to the seasonal prevalence of pneumonia, there is an excessive amount of ailments among children, which can be directly traced to low temperatures in their homes.

"As long as there are haunted in the face of the public the evidence of wasteful expenditure of energy in the fixed and moving electric advertising signs," Dr. Emerson continued, "it will be impossible to convince the citizens of New York that all means have yet been tried to obtain for them such

assistance as they presume is within your power to give."

Trainloads of coal, to be run direct from the mines to destinations, in a plan announced yesterday by the Lehigh Valley Railroad company to relieve New York and other large cities. The first trainload, made up of 50 cars containing anthracite coal of domestic sizes, arrived yesterday at Perth Amboy, where it will be transferred to barges for delivery in this city and New England.

ARLINGTON WOMAN GIVES DEMONSTRATION LECTURE ON MEATLESS DINNERS

Mrs. Nellie E. Ewart of Arlington gave a demonstration lecture on a meatless dinner at the rooms of the People's club yesterday afternoon. She was introduced by Mrs. G. M. Heath, chairman of the local food conservation committee and Miss Kverrett, the local director of food conservation and other volunteers assisted.

Vessalon oil was used as a substitute for olive oil by Mrs. Ewart in preparing the salad dressing and no butter

nor lard was used for shortening. Those who tasted the dishes prepared agreed that they were excellent. The menu was as follows:

Dried pea cream soup—Soak one cup dried peas over night in cold water to cover. Drain, add two slices onion and one quart cold water, and cook until tender; then rub through a strainer, and add enough water to make one quart. Melt four tablespoons fat, add four tablespoons flour, and gradually the strained mixture. Add to one pint of scalded milk. Season with salt and paprika.

Ground oatmeal bread—Four one cup scalded milk and one cup boiling water over one and one-half tablespoons shortening, one and one-half tablespoons suet and one-quarter cup molasses. When lukewarm, add one yeast cake dissolved in one-quarter cup lukewarm water; two cups rolled oats, put through the meat chopper; one cup buckwheat flour and about three cups white flour, or enough to make a stiff mixture. Let rise until doubled in bulk. Put in two buttered bread pans. Let

rise again, and bake about one hour in a moderate oven.

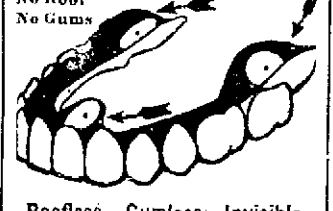
Cheese Souffle—Melt two tablespoons fat, add two tablespoons flour, add one cup grated cheese, and one-quarter teaspoon each of salt and paprika. Remove from the fire. Add the yolks of two eggs beaten thick and the whites beaten stiff. Bake 25 minutes in a moderate oven.

Vegetable Salad—Prepare different kinds of vegetables according to season. Season with salt and serve on lettuce leaves with Mayonnaise dressing—Mix one-quarter teaspoon each mustard, salt and sugar. Add the yolk of one egg and two tablespoons lemon juice. Beat well and add two-thirds cup salad oil, one teaspoon at a time, beating well between each addition. Then fold in the white of the egg beaten stiff.

A Richmond ice cream company has turned over to the wholesale grocers of that city a carload of sugar, which they will distribute among the retail dealers, from whom the public will receive it.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD SMOKER

A well attended and enjoyable smoker was held under the auspices of Lowell council, Knights of Columbus, at the rooms in the Associate building last night. A short business session was held during the evening and the evening after which Lecturer John J. Flaherty presented an excellent musical and literary program. Reports of committees were listened to and appeals made by the officers of the council for beds, coats and bed clothing for the sleeping quarters which are to be opened Saturday night and on other special occasions when the soldiers from Camp Devens visit this city.

Secretary Philip Breen had received donations from any of the members or residents of the city and make arrangements for the transportation of the goods to the rooms.

Harry C. Collins of Lowell, who has seen more than two years of active service "over there," was the principal speaker of the evening and his talk was listened to with interest by all. Rev. Fr. O'Connor of Malden, one of the chaplains at Camp Devens, also spoke briefly on camp life, and John F. Salmon of this city, one of the Knights of Columbus secretaries at Ayer, and Secretary Ketcher of Springfield, also of Camp Devens, addressed the gathering briefly and in conclusion expressed their appreciation for the work already done by Lowell council. A letter of appreciation was read from Post Chaplain Fr. T. P. McGinn.

The musical features of the evening were provided by William Paul McCarthy, pianist, Frank Delman, violinist, and a quartet of members of Co. B at Camp Devens, all Waterbury boys.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note: Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

In "Dream Fantasies," which is at the B. F. Keith theatre, this week, there appear three of the best symmetrical dancers this city has seen in many months. Cleveland Bronner, originator of the wonderful color effects, has the role of the leading male dancer, and his work is artistic to a very marked degree. Miss Ingrid Hunter, a very pretty young Norwegian dancer, appears in a delightful role, and Miss Peggy Barnstead also adds to the gaiety of the act. This is unlike any other dance creation ever seen at the theatre. The delightful little comedy skit, "Roses," played by Schenck, Martin Co., wins many plaudits. It is prettily sweet and is exceptionally well done. For real knockabout comedy that holds some bright repartee, look over the antics done by Johnny Jones and Marion Greenlee. It matters not what they call their hodge-podge—it is funny all of the time. Other acts are: Mills Brothers, Dave Roth, Gordon & Castle. The feature is "The Price Mark." Phone 28.

OPERA HOUSE

Carl Mason's great dramatic success, "The Other Wife," which is being so capably presented by the New Emerson Players at the Opera House, is rightly considered one of the best of the modern stage creations. Those who are recognized critics place it well up in the ranks of superior productions of a generation and, judging from the uncommon popularity it has enjoyed in every city and theatrical centre where it has been presented, there is every reason to believe the claims of those who recognize it in one of the stage's favorite productions. Certain it is the Players have never been

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fore found a vehicle in which they can and do reflect their exceptional ability. Crowded houses and generous rounds of applause by the patrons testify to its worth so far as the local production is concerned. Robert E. Laurence is making one of his biggest hits in the character of "Evelington," the middle-aged man who is confronted by the skeleton of boyhood days and listens to the unfair and unusual demands imposed by Mr. Laurence rises to dramatic heights in several scenes, while Douglas Dumbrell and Miss Francesca Rotoli are both appearing in roles that suit them to perfection. Next week the offering will be "Playthings," a real heart throb, that has vivid and tense moments in every act. Monday afternoon and night the management will give away a \$25 suit to the lady holding the lucky reserved seat coupon. This offer is good for both Monday afternoon and night. Every woman holding a reserved seat coupon is eligible.

THE STRAND

"The Grell Mystery," one of the best detective stories ever screened, with Earl Williams starring in the principal role, is enjoying uncommon success as the feature picture at The Strand for the last three days of the week. It's a great picture, with a great actor starred in it. See it and enjoy Williams in his best dramatic endeavors on the film.

Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne, two other favorites of the screen

world, are seen in their latest, "The Adopted Son," which offers not only a wonderfully interesting story of the west, but also rare opportunities to this pair of popular stars to bring to the surface their exceptional accomplishments. Bushman is called upon, as "Two Gun" Carter, to perform feats of daring and strength seldom demanded of any actor in pictures.

Besides the above two seven-act photo-plays, there is the comedy, a Mack-Sennett Keystone creation, a new Strand revue and the travelogue, to say nothing of the musical numbers by Miss Margaret Millen, Henry and the Strand Symphony Players, directed by Arthur J. Martel.

For the first three days of next week June Elvidge, the charming young star who was at The Strand a person a few weeks ago, will appear in her latest release, "The Tenth Case." Added interest is attached to this offering because of the fact that Arthur Ashley, who appeared in person at the theatre this week, directed the production. First performance Monday afternoon.

VESTRY OF FIRST TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH A HAPPY SCENE

The annual supper, sale and entertainment by the Ladies' Federation of the First Trinitarian Congregational church was held in the vestry last night and attracted a large number of

parishioners and their friends. Supper was served at 5.30 o'clock and this was followed by an entertainment by the children under the supervision of Mrs. Charles T. Upton. Readings were given by Miss Florence Cutting, and shadowgraphs by Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Charles Abare.

The various committees in charge of the tables and booths were as follows: The S.T.S. table was presided over by Misses Eleanor Clifford, chairman; Jennie Clark, Agnes Robertson, Ida Higgins, Elizabeth Higgins, Grace Hoyt, Leona Harvey, Mary Slocum, Martha George, Mabel George, Mabel Carter, Elizabeth Dykes, Mrs. John Buckley, Miss Raymond Collin, Mrs. Ralph Locke, Mrs. Joseph Miller and Mrs. Edward Stanley.

The children's table was looked after by Miss Parker, Mrs. Keizer and Mrs. French.

The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. Nelson Hill and Miss Margaret Robertson, chairman; Mrs. Geo. Ames, Mrs. O. A. Brigham, Mrs. Cover, Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Coburn, Mrs. Muzzey, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Housell, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Dana, Mrs. Rollins, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Keizer, Mrs. Farnham, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Cushman, Mrs. Savard, Mrs. Kennison, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Turbull, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Bedell, Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Gamble, Miss Wheeler, Misses Buss, Miss Alcott, Miss Upton, Miss Wallace, Miss Dane, Miss Wrigley and Miss Cloyd.

Dining room: Mrs. Petrie, chairman; Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Housell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sumner and Miss Kennedy.

Kitchen: Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Cutting, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. McCloy, Mrs. Abare, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Lamborn.

The apron table was in charge of Mrs. W. T. Griffin, chairman; Mrs. Anber, Mrs. York, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. D. J. Farley, Mrs. W. H. Harvey, Mrs. H. J. Willard, Mrs. Alice Phillips and Mrs. Clara J. Dearden.

The affair was under the supervision of Mrs. William Wright, president of the federation.

COTTON CONSUMPTION DURING NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumption during November was 590,763 running bales, the census bureau today announced.

Consumption for the four months was 2,278,181 bales last year. Consumption during November was 593,044 bales and for the four month period 2,219,767 bales, for the same period last year.

Cotton on hand Nov. 30 in consuming establishments was 1,408,327 bales compared with 2,106,502 a year ago in public storage and at compresses 2,745,485 compared with 4,088,797 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active during November numbered 33,804,559 compared with 32,758,045 a year ago.

Imports of foreign cotton were 7,038 bales compared with 13,200 a year ago. Exports for November were 413,885 bales of lint and 3,700 of linters compared with 733,270 of lint and 8058 of linters a year ago and for the four months' period 1,863,157 of lint and 98,383 of linters, compared with 2,494,883 of lint and 313,156 of linters a year ago.

One Deerfield, N. H., hunter has killed 20 coons and two wild cats so far this season.

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Squash.....1 1/2c		Cooking Apples, pk.	30c
Spanish Onions.....8c		Cabbage, lb.	20c
Cooking Onions.....2 lbs. 5c		Red Cabbage, lb.	25c
Beets.....3 lbs. 10c		Kale, pk.	25c
Parsnips.....3 lbs. 5c		Radish, 3 bunches	10c
Yellow Turnips.....3 lbs. 5c		Garlic, 4 for	5c
White Turnips.....5c		Horse Radish, bot.	10c
Lettuce.....5c		Savory Cabbage.....2 1/2c	
Cranberries.....10c			
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Fancy Cuts Chuck, lb. 12 1/2c
Middle Cuts Chuck, lb. 15c
Rib Cuts Chuck, lb. 17c
Prime Rib Roast, lb. 15c up
Tip End Sirloin Roast, lb. 17c

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Yearling Leg and Loin, lb. 10c, 13c
Legs of Fancy Yearling, lb. 12c, 15c
Yearling Forequarter, lb. 9c, 12c
Gen. Lamb Leg and Loin, lb. 27c
Legs of Genuine Lamb, lb. 30c
Genuine Lamb Fores, lb. 23c, 25c
Lamb to Stew, selected pcs., lb. 12c

PORK

Small Pork Loins, lb. 22c, 27c
Pork Shoulders 23c, 25c
Fresh Pork Butts, lb. 27c
Fresh Pork Loins, lb. 23c, 25c, 27c
Fresh Pigs' Feet, 2 lbs. 15c
Fr. Skin Back Shoulders, lb. 25c
Native Dressed Pigs, lb. 26c up

Poultry

Milk Fed Fowl, lb. 24, 27c
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Navel Ends, lb. 12 1/2c
Fancy Brisket, lb. 18c, 20c
Corned Ox Tongue, lb. 18c, 20c
Neck Bones, lb. 9c
Spare Ribs, lb. 19c

Steaks

Sirloin, lb. 17c, 22c, 28c
Tenderloin, lb. 20c, 25c
Round, lb. 20c, 22c, 25c, 30c
Rump, lb. 23c, 29c, 33c
Veal Steak, lb. 22c, 25c

CHOPS

Yearling Chops, lb. 15c
Lamb Chops, lb. 20c, 25c
Pork Chops, lb. 22c, 25c, 29c
Veal Chops, lb. 18c to 22c

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Libby's Apples, can. 10c
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Kaspiere's can. 15c
Chiver's Blue Marmalade, bot. 25c
Pride, Dux, Marmalade, jar. 20c
Persian Dates, pk. 10c, 12c
California Large Dates, lb. 20c, 25c
Golden Raisins, can. 10c
Armour Mince Meat, lb. 10c
Marshmallow Cherries, bot. 10c, 25c
Pure Honey.....12c, 25c
Scandinavian Plum Pudding, 1 lb. 25c
Queen Olives.....10c, 25c
Grape Juice.....10c, 15c, 25c
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Scandinavian Plum Pudding, 1 lb. 25c
Friend Bros. Plum Pudding, can. 15c
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Under's Oyster, C. T. Snare, bot. 15c
Blue Rose Chili Sauce, bot. 15c
Assorted Tins, can. 10c
Campbell's Tomato Soup, can. 10c
Empire Wax Beans, can. 12c
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Men's Shawlknit Half Hose in light or heavy weight cotton. 30c
Men's Full Fashioned Silk and Wool Half Hose in black and white 75c
Men's Extra Quality Cashmere Half Hose in black and oxford gray 39c
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DENY WOMAN SPY EXECUTED IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Persistent repetition of a story that a woman spy had been executed in the United States has caused the state department to send an official denial to American consuls and legations in the European neutral countries. The story originated in Germany and its wide-spread use is regarded as another case of propaganda. The name of the woman was given as Anna Hutten. Ordinarily no attention would have been paid to a story so palpably false, but in this case credence appeared to have been given to it in neutral countries.

CAN WOMEN KEEP SECRET? ASK THE UNITED STATES

Lieutenant Adelaide B. Baylis heads an organization of women war workers in New York, who have smashed the old gag about women and secrets.

You have Uncle Sam's words for that. He is using the volunteer Women's Motor Corps on work that requires "secrecy first," such as



LIEUT. ADELAIDE BAYLIS

chauffeur for ambassadors and secret service men and carrying secret official messages.

Lieutenant Baylis has enlisted 30 active members, and a number of others who loan automobiles. The Red Cross has designated this corps as its official motor service in New York.

Applicants must pass severe tests in handling cars and mechanics. Three members of the organization are now in France driving motor ambulances.

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MAN CONFRONTED BY TENTH WIFE DIES

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Samuel Oakley Crawford, better known as "Rev. Arthur Worthington," one of the cleverest characters in modern criminal history, died under dramatic circumstances in jail here yesterday.

Crawford, who was 72 years old, collapsed when confronted by Mrs. Jennie A. Showalter of Wilmington, Del., who identified him as a man she had married in July, 1916, under the name of Charles Graham Boone. Two months later, she says, he decamped with \$2500, all her savings. When the woman appeared before him yesterday he stared at her for a moment, and then sank to the floor with a groan. He was dead before a physician could reach him.

Crawford had been in jail since January, when he was arrested for swindling the Rev. Dr. Stanley of New Hamburg out of several hundred dollars while a member of the Presbytery. After being deposed he fled, but was found in the National Soldiers' home at Newport News.

Married Ten Women

Crawford's career reads like an imaginative story of criminal fiction. His years of crime reached nearly forty, and in that time he is believed to have obtained fraudulently and spent more than \$1,000,000 and to have married ten women bigamously.

Up to the time he obtained the pastorate of the New Hamburg church he had posed as lawyer, banker, political orator, literateur, real estate operator, spiritualist, organizer, free love

exponent, Christian Science healer, insurance agent, judge, captain, major, colonel and general in the regular army, Unitarian minister, Mormon preacher, actor, prohibition lecturer and member of a long list of various cults.

Crawford never could blame his early start in life or his bringing up for his criminal propensities. He was born in Sangerfield and as a boy enlisted in the civil war. After the war he studied law at Columbia and graduated in the class of 1897.

In 1898 he married the first of the women who have called him husband. Two years later he deserted her and departed with all the money he could get from her and her friends. Then he took to horse trading, but conducted it in such a manner that he soon found himself in the Albany penitentiary.

After his release, he confined most of his efforts to swindling women of their savings by marriage and desertion. On the side, however, he forged, begged and borrowed. An actress wife, deserted after three years, returned to the stage money he had paid all his debts of which she knew.

Jailed in Australia

He continually led a stroller's life, and traveled to many foreign countries. He established a religious cult in New Zealand, but it was too much for the New Zealanders and he was sent out of the country. He was next heard of in Tasmania, and then in Melbourne, where he was jailed for forgery and served seven years.

Europe he traveled over without cost to himself, but greatly to the discomfort of others, and then returned to this country. One of his most remarkable achievements here was the obtaining of \$500 from the Mormons in Utah on some swindling pretense.

Only once in his career did Crawford work in partnership with another. That was in 1881 and 1882, when he joined forces with a notorious English swindler known as "Lord Ashton." In those years Crawford was known as Arlington. Buckingham, Wadsworth, Worthington. The pair got into society in Chicago and Boston, parting with each other in the Massachusetts city, where Crawford started his operations among the spiritualists.

Got \$25,000 from Bride

In 1888 he appeared in Griffin, Ga., where he met a heiress to \$60,000 and married her. He was then posing as "Judge John D. Crawford." After a honeymoon trip to Europe Crawford persuaded his bride to part with \$25,000, with which he told her he would start a banking business. Instead he deserted her, going to Spokane, where he lived as a high roller for a year, spending most of the sum he had stolen.

He bobbed up next in Providence as Gen. A. P. Ward and told how he was wounded while serving in the Union army. There he met Miss Emma Maria Perry, an heiress to \$20,000, and married her. Soon afterward he disappeared after inducing his bride to give him most of her money.

It was in 1911 that he appeared in Poughkeepsie and told the local ministers that he was a graduate of Oxford and a minister, but had lost his papers in a shipwreck. He was soon assigned to the New Hamburg church, but overworked his practice by borrowing money until suspicions were aroused and his career investigated.

After he decamped the news of his marriage to Mrs. Showalter of Wilmington came to the swindling clergyman and detectives were sent after him. He managed to evade them until last January.

Even then it was found he had so won the confidence of the inmates that they offered to make up a purse for his defense. Several of them offered \$100 each on his assertion that he was innocent.

Because an enemy alien of Hartford, Conn., failed to get a barred zone pass he couldn't attend his own wedding.

BURGLAR SURPRISED BY WATCH- MAN LEAPS FROM WINDOW— LATER ARRESTED

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 14.—Night Watchmen Joseph Christian and John B. Langhals, early this morning at the Nyanza cotton yarn mills surprised a burglar about to blow open a safe containing \$1500. At the point of a revolver he drove the watchmen into an adjoining office and while one of them fired three shots through the door the burglar ran to a second floor window and jumped. Later a man giving a name as Henry Joseph Bimer, 47, Quincy, Mass., was captured by police a quarter of a mile away. One leg was

sprained and bones in other ankle broken. Police say he will be arraigned tonight on breaking and entering charges.

BALL PLAYERS ENLIST
SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 14.—John Paul Jones and A. W. Blair, members of the New York Nationals, and Frank Carmody of the Pittsburgh Nationals, have enlisted in the navy. Jones left last night for New Orleans, where he will be assigned to a naval training station. Blair and Carmody are awaiting orders here to report for duty as members of the signal corps of the naval reserve.

PLANS BEING SHAPED TO TRY MORE MEN FOR HOUSTON RIOT

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 14.—Plans are being shaped to try additional men of the 24th Infantry on charges growing out of the Houston riot, Aug. 23. Fourteen who have been confined at Fort Bliss, El Paso, were brought to San Antonio Wednesday night. Some, it is said, may be held as witnesses, while others likely will be charged with participation in the crimes for which 13 members of this regiment already have been hanged and 45 others given prison sentences.

Miss Elizabeth G. White, daughter of Joseph White, the New Jersey "cranberry king," has for years specialized in blueberry culture and has developed a berry three-quarters of an inch in diameter. She has dozens of acres laid out in the fruit—the working of which she superintends personally.

Merrill Katzoff and Wolf Katzoff, brothers, of Pittsburgh, married Lottie and Cella Meyers, sisters, of the same city, last Sunday. All four were born in Russia. Both young men are registered for service in our National Army.

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"Beacon" Blanket Robes with self and braid trimmed and flowered and Navajo Indian patterns,

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UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ROB WORCESTER BANK

WORCESTER, Dec. 14.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Bay State Savings bank at 476 Main street, yesterday afternoon. A man about 25 years old held up Thomas Boland, the teller, at the point of a revolver, and demanded \$100.

Boland tried to get to a telephone to call the police, but the man threatened to shoot if he moved nearer the telephone.

Boland then walked to a window and rapped on the glass, attracting the attention of Traffic Officer Northridge.

The hold-up man apparently had a woman confederate who entered the bank shortly before he did. She asked the teller to change a \$1 bill into dimes. While Boland was doing this,

the hold-up man came in and made this demand. The woman stood by while the stranger tried to intimidate Boland, and after Boland rapped on the window for Officer Northridge, she apparently fainted to hold Boland's attention while her companion made his get-away.

As Officer Northridge ran up the stairs to the bank, the man walked calmly down by him. The officer allowed the man to continue down the stairs, which are used by the general public for the many offices in the upper floors. While Boland was explaining to the officer the attempted robbery, the woman also escaped.

The bank is on the floor just below the offices of the Worcester bureau of the state police.

Boland describes the man as having a swarthy face marked with pimples. He is about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, wore a cap and eye-glasses.

ALL SISTERS IN ST VINCENT CONVENT AT HALIFAX ARE SAFE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—Sister Mary Constance, mother superior of

St. Vincent convent in Rockingham, which was practically destroyed in the recent disaster, yesterday said that all the Catholic Sisters in the institution escaped without serious injury. In fact, only one was injured. She is Sister Maria Claudia. She was seated before a sewing machine at the time of the explosion and when the concussion shattered the windows in the convent she received a slight cut on one arm. The machine was toppled over by the violence of the explosion.

Despite the fact that the convent is a large building and was severely damaged, the sisters still occupy it, carrying on their work of mercy.

A number of sister from Boston and vicinity are in St. Vincent convent, and it is known here that their relatives in Boston have been extremely anxious regarding their fate.

The convent which the sisters still occupy, is habitable, but it will have to be rebuilt almost entirely.

Sister Mary Constance, mother superior, is the daughter of the late Michael Kelly of 18 Dowsy street, Roxbury, and a sister of Miss Sadie Kelly and Mrs. George Spelling of the same address.

and that it is essential to the health of the purchaser. The prescription must then be sent with the order to the place where the liquor is purchased.

THE GOODS MUST BE PLACARDED SHOWING THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE PACKAGE IS LIQUOR, INTENDED FOR MEDICINAL USES. The prescription must also be pasted on the outside of the package. Liquor which comes into the state in this fashion will be protected from seizure.

ENGLISH LABOR IN FAVOR OF AN EARLY RESTATEMENT OF WAR AIMS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—England's trade unionists and laborites favor an early restatement of war aims. The parliamentary committees of these two parties, composed of their members in the house of commons, met yesterday and adopted resolutions urging it was "desirable that Britain make an early definite declaration of its aims and objects in continuing the war."

WOULD OUST DISTRICT ATTORNEY PELLETIER

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—A petition for the impeachment of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier was filed yesterday with the clerk of the supreme judicial court. It was signed by the Rev. Frederick B. Allen, president of the Watch and Ward society, and Douglas L. Cabot, treasurer of the society.

The petition sets forth that the district attorney has given but little time to his duties, has not pressed many cases which should have been tried, has neglected to collect money or properly deposited as well in other

mal cases and has thus encouraged a class of professional bondsmen, and that he has refused to proceed with or demand punishment in certain cases where there was no doubt as to the guilt of the parties.

"BEAUTY PARLOR" FOR SOLDIERS AT MEDFORD RAIDED—"CORN CURE" WAS WHISKEY

MEDFORD, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The "Beauty Parlor" on the main street of Medford, at which hair restorer and corn cures were sold to officers and men from Camp Upton, was raided yesterday by United States Marshal Epower. He placed under arrest Lucy Askins, 35 years old, and Mae Durnio, five years younger, who conducted the establishment. They are charged with selling liquor to soldiers and with selling liquor without a license.

An accident at the Medford railroad station a week ago led to the raid, said the raid. The day was cold and the station agent permitted to slip through his numb fingers an express package labelled "corn cure." A secret service agent who had snatched up for a chat with the station agent, saw it gave every indication of being a flask of whiskey and the raid resulted.

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At a recent meeting of the Lowell Historical society held in the rooms of the organization in the Memorial building, Hon. Samuel C. Hadley reviewed Rev. Wilson Waters' recently completed "History of Chelmsford," a 1000-page volume which has been published by the town of Chelmsford at a cost of \$4000. Resolutions of a congratulatory nature were adopted at the meeting in favor of Mr. Waters. After he had reviewed the volume Judge Hadley spoke continuously of the leading men of Chelmsford in the early days, whom he had known.

ROY RESCUES FLAG IN SCHOOL BLAZE AT CENTRAL FALLS, RHODE ISLAND

CENTRAL FALLS, R. I., Dec. 14.—A fire yesterday afternoon in the Kendall street schoolhouse, while teachers and pupils were at dinner, destroyed a section of the roof and a portion of the south end of the building, the damage being estimated at \$3000. There is no insurance.

Clarence Whitmore, a pupil, dashed into a burning room where an American flag was displayed on the walls and was cheered by his schoolmates as he

ran out with the colors. The fire started under the desk of a pupil.

CHAIRMAN OF WAR COUNCIL OF RED CROSS HONORED IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Red Cross workers rallied in this city today to greet Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross. A luncheon was tendered him by business men of Boston, and a Red Cross conference attended by representatives of chapters all over New England was held later.

There will be a Red Cross mass meeting in Tremont Temple tonight.

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GARFIELD SAYS N.E. COAL RELIEF SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Many phases of the government's war-time activities were explained by officials yesterday to an editorial conference of the Associated Business Newspapers, representing more than 150 trade and technical journals.

Plans to make holders of Liberty bonds and war savings certificates permanent creditors of the government after the war are under consideration, Frederick A. Delano of the federal reserve board told the conference.

Additional ships for the movement of coal soon will be put into the coast-wise trade, Fuel Administrator Garfield said.

Sec. Baker, he said, had promised to detail mine layers to act as tugs for

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CLEAN MEN MAKE THE BEST FIGHTERS

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., December.—"When I was a boy my mother used to make me wash my ears a dozen times a day.

"Well—the army is worse. Just like home, uh—uh—only more so."

As the soldier talked he plunged his soap-covered paws into a basin of water.

He and his thousands of comrades here have learned that sanitation and cleanliness are just as important in army life as the knowledge of bayonet handling and rifle practice.

This is in hand-washing, teeth-scrubbing, bath-taking army as well as a fighting one.

Uncle Sam's representatives are leaving nothing undone in their work to



This Camp Lewis rocky has been convinced that ear washing is as important as rifle practice.

Keep the health of the camp up to the highest possible peak.

The strictest sort of sanitary regulations are enforced. Scientific guards against typhoid and other camp diseases are maintained and the possibility of a serious epidemic reduced to a minimum.

Mess halls and kitchens must be kept clean. Swatting the fly is a general duty. The camp grounds are "policed" for rubbish. No refuse is allowed to accumulate. Sweepings, scrap paper and waste are collected in cans and burned in the big cantonment incinerator.

Garbage from the kitchens is carted away by a rancher—26 tons of it daily—and fed to 5000 hogs.

There are also two tons of tin cans thrown out each day. Another contractor hauls them away.

As a result of this careful sanitary campaign there is little real waste in a cantonment housing 40,000 men.

Rigorous health precautions do not terminate at the boundaries of the camp. An extra-cantonment zone, under control of government and state health officials, is maintained in a district from five to ten miles around the camp.

Farms, dairies and the sources of water and food supplies in this area have been surveyed. Wherever harmful conditions have been found the owners have been assisted by sanitary inspectors in making desired improvements.

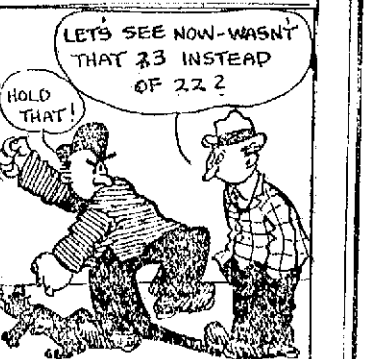
The men of the western army are not worrying much about "catching something."

Modern knowledge of camp sanitation and the establishment of the big "health circle" around the cantonment have raised an effective barrier against disease, giving the men a free chance to learn the trade of the soldier.



He's Sam Frisco, and he's mascot of an ammunition train wagon company at Camp Lewis, Wash. He's whetting his horns to give "Kaiser Bill" a ride. Postscript: Look out Bill!

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SIZES 32 TO 42

\$15 \$18 \$20

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MACKINAW COATS \$5.00 to \$8.00
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SUIT CASES \$1.50 to \$10.00
BATH ROBES \$5.00 to \$8.00
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Sometimes the biggest values are found in a little "ad" like this.

Women's Shoes, soft viol vamps with felt lace tops, flannel lined, made on broad last with common sense heels. Sizes 2 to 8 \$1.95

"Trot Moc" Shoes for children. Black and tan, lace and buttoned style, made on back-to-nature last. These shoes cannot fail to please as a Christmas gift for they are the best made. All hand sewed. Sizes 7 to 11, 11-12 to 2.

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Boys' Tan High Cut Shoes with strap and buckle—
Sizes 11 to 13 1-2 \$2.25
Sizes 1 to 6 1-2 \$2.75

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Men's Elite and Bannister Shoes. Made in tan calf, mahogany gun metal calf, viol kid, glazed kangaroo, and patent calf. English and blucher styles, all styles and widths.

Women's Storm Boots, made in tan calf, lace and blucher style, military heels \$6.50

Women's Trot Moc Storm Boots. Made from "Indian Tanned" moose. A sensible street shoe for winter wear. Made in lace 11 inch and medium heels. Price \$7.50

New Winter Styles in Millinery---Fur Hats

Only 2 Dozen Black and Colored Velvet Untrimmed Hats. The last of our stock. Made of Lyons Velvet. Very good shapes. Medium and large. Regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 value. Priced \$2.98

A Few of the New Satin and Fur Hats in the latest shapes. Very Fine Quality Silk Beaver Hats. Only nine left in stock. No two shapes alike. Priced \$5.00
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Natural Muskrat \$6.95, \$10.00
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Nutria Beaver \$9.95, \$16.95
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Aus. Opossum \$24.95
Black Fox \$22.95, \$59.95
Tanpe Fox \$22.95
Natural Raccoon \$12.95, \$22.95
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The January Fashion Sheets and Patterns have arrived, also the Delineators and Fashion Books.

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50 INCH WIDE SILK VELOURS in Remnants**

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AND SCARFS**

Taupe Fox Sets, \$85.00 to \$100.00

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Mole Sets.....\$65.00

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Black Wolf Sets.....\$30.00

Hudson Seal Sets, \$27.50 to \$40.00

Natural Raccoon Sets,

\$25.00 to \$40.00

Blended Muskrat Sets.....\$30.00

Natural Raccoon Muffs,

\$15.00 to \$25.00

Black Fox Muffs, \$25.00 to \$40.00

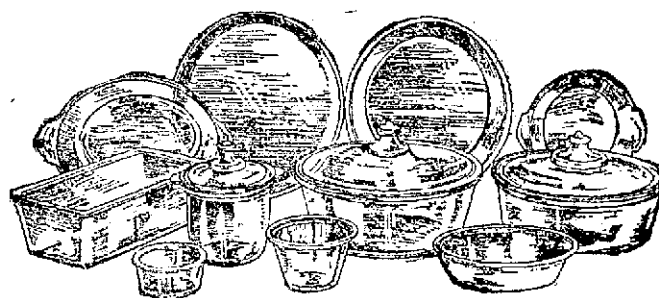
Black Lynx Muffs, \$40.00, \$45.00

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Beaver Muffs.....\$35.00

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PYREX CASSEROLES, round or oval

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Individual Bakers.....40c Each

Round Cake Pan.....75c Each

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Fur Lined Gloves, tan and gray, with squirrel lining. Priced \$6.00

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Coat, V neck or slip-on, no sleeves or collar, all weights and popular colors.....\$3.50 to \$7.50 Each

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Outing and domet flannel, heavy weight, trimmed and plain—

Night Shirts.....75c to \$1.25

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Silk, lisle, cotton, cashmere and wool, light, medium and heavy weights, all colors.....15c to \$2.50 Pair

East Section

Left Aisle

ON SALE MERRIMACK STREET BASEMENT

THE HIGH COST OF COAL NOW ABLE TO WALK MILES—ONE YEAR AGO HELPLESS AS AN INFANT

Special to The Sun.
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 14.—Persons who ride on the lines of the Bay State Street Railway company, fretting whom that corporation is now trying to get more money through the operation of the "copper zone" fare system will be interested to learn that the company which owns the Bay State road, the Massachusetts Electric company, received nearly \$500,000 less in dividends this year than it did two years ago.

Figures showing this great loss were made public yesterday by P. F. Sullivan, president of the Bay State company. The decrease is attributed by the officials of the holding company to the high cost of coal. The effect of the high coal prices has been serious and the corporation under which the Bay state has hitherto been supplied expired in the spring and summer. With one exception it was impossible to secure the renewal at any price. Since the end of August, purchases at any price have been practically impossible, while deliveries on existing contracts are halting and uncertain, and the coal received is not only higher in price but inferior in quality.

"Coal cost \$282.877 more for the first 10 months of 1917 than for the corresponding period in 1915," said Gordon Abbott, president of the holding company. "It is estimated that the coal needed in 1915 will cost \$423,000 more than in 1917."

The report of the holding company—owners of the Bay State—and comparisons with the figures of 1915 and 1916 are as follows:

	1917	1916	1915
Dividends received on stock owned	\$14,706	\$111,259	\$512,088
Misc. interest	21,023	48,363	78,459
Total income	35,729	159,622	601,557
Total exp. and tax	15,559	14,365	19,936
Net income	20,170	145,257	581,621
Int. on bonds	150,000	150,000	172,112
Net dividend income	129,870	4,738	\$4,509
Dividends received on surplus (deficit)	129,870	4,738	\$4,509
Previous surplus	2,556,534	2,561,272	2,749,582
Total surplus	2,436,664	2,566,010	2,664,091

MORE LUXURIES WHICH PEOPLE MUST FOREGO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Left-handed plows and unusual shades of paint have been added to the "little luxuries" which the public must forego next year because of the war. Having effected economies in men's clothing and even achieved a reformation in women's styles, the Commercial Economy board of the council of national defense announced today that attention was being paid to articles of industrial use with a view to eliminating as many as can be spared.

Color schemes in paint will be limited to some 40 shades instead of 100 as heretofore. Sizes of paint containers are being standardized.

Cut Height of Women's Shoes

Restrictions on the styles of women's boots in England have been noted with interest here as forecasting similar steps to reduce waste. Experts for women's shoes in England cannot exceed seven inches in height if made of leather, or eight inches if made of other materials.

Saving of 1,600,000 yards of woollens by reducing manufacturers' jobbers' and tailors' samples, the conservation being sufficient to uniform 700,000 soldiers, has been achieved throughout the clothing trade.

Chairman A. W. Shaw said the

Miss A. M. Clish Tells How She Recovered From Rheumatism That Deformed Joints

"I take walks of miles several times a month," said Miss A. M. Clish of 807 Montello St., Brockton, Mass.



MISS CLISH ON CRUTCHES

"A year ago I did not believe I would ever be able to walk again. I was crippled with rheumatism of the joints and had to be carried from room to room like an infant. My right knee was drawn up and I was unable to straighten it. My fingers and wrists were swollen and extremely painful.

"The pain was almost unbearable. I could not allow anyone near my bed. Physicians wanted to remove a bone from my knee and I was etherized twice to straighten the leg. They told me I would never be able to walk again.

"My strength was exhausted and my stomach in a very weakened condition. Friends insisted that I try Var-ne-sis as I seemed to be growing worse. After taking two bottles of Var-ne-sis my stomach improved wonderfully, my strength returned so that I could use my crutches. I persisted in the treatment until I was able to bend my knee and go up and down stairs without any trouble.

"I am glad to say I am now doing housework and able to go about as well as ever. I have given W. A. Varney my crutches to add to his collection in Boston. No matter how damp and stormy the weather happens to be I am entirely free from pain."

W. A. Varney said: "I wish I could convey to sufferers from rheumatism what Var-ne-sis is doing. I wish I could bring them face to face with those who have recovered through Var-ne-sis."

"I am constantly producing evidence that Var-ne-sis conquers chronic rheumatism and I ask that sufferers from this disease investigate each case. Var-ne-sis does not contain salicylates, opiates, soda, iodides, capsicum, pepper, or any of the usual anti-rheumatic drugs. It tends to help the stomach and can not harm the heart."

Send to W. A. Varney, Lynn, Mass., for literature and the "Rust of Human Hinges."

Get Var-ne-sis Now—today—at Liggett's Riker-Jaynes Drug Stores and at all reliable druggists.—Advertisement.

REGARDING VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENTS

Special to The Sun.
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 14.—To clear up a misunderstanding regarding voluntary enlistments in relation to the date of December 15, Major Roger Wolcott, officer in charge of draft mobilization in this state, made the following statement today:

"Men cannot enlist in the army after tomorrow if they are in the draft," he said, "unless they enlist as dentists, veterinarians or doctors in the medical department of the army or are appointed as army field clerks."

"Men may enlist in the navy in any and all of its branches where there are vacancies, at any time."

"Men may also enlist in the Marine corps after the 15th as well as before that date."

"But a man cannot enlist at all if his number is so near the top of the list that he will be in the next batch to be drafted. He cannot enlist, in

other words, if he is in what is called the current quota."

But if a man is not in the current quota he can get a certificate from his exemption board stating that he is not in the current quota, and with that in his possession can enlist, after the 15th, in the navy, marine corps, medical department of the army or as a field clerk.

"Therefore, if a man wants to join any other branch of the service other than those mentioned above, or if his name is in the current quota, the best thing for him to do, if he doesn't want to be drafted, is to join today, Friday, or tomorrow, Saturday."

LINK JAPANESE TO THE HINDU PLOT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—An unnamed official of the Japanese government was linked with a proposed conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India by testimony yesterday in the trial of 31 alleged conspirators in the United States district court. The testimony was to the effect that this official had secreted Hiram Lal Gupta, an indicted Hindu, for four months while British secret service and military operatives searched Tokyo in vain for him.

The Japanese official later secured safe passage from Tokyo to San Francisco for Gupta. This testimony was given by Detective Sergeant George D. Barnitz of the "Neutrality Bomb Squad" of the New York police department, who said that the revelations had been made to him by Gupta while the latter was in custody on a charge of participation in a bomb explosion.

Thousands of rifles, carbines and pistols and millions of rounds of ammunition were purchased in this country by Capt. von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy in Washington, for secret shipment to San Diego, Cal., and Havana, according to Henry Muck, who said he was an agent of Hans Fausch, New York representative of the Krupp, and one of the defendants.

None of the munitions reached their destination, according to the witness. Both orders were subsequently rescinded, the witness testified.

Three letters written by Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, to Secretary of State Lansing, protesting against the seizure by the United States government of the American schooner Anlo Larson and her cargo of guns and ammunition were admitted also as evidence.

In the letters Bernstorff said the shipment on the Larson was the property of the German government, had been intended for the German colonies in East Africa, but had not been shipped by the German government.

TRANSFER ENEMY ALIENS FROM U.S. FORCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—First steps to place the soldiers of German or Austro-Hungarian birth or extraction at duty apart from the actual fighting forces appear in today's army orders. Orders show the transfer of nearly a hundred enlisted men of the regular or national army to duty to the disciplinary barracks guard at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The list contains hardly a name that does not appear to be of German, Austrian or Hungarian origin.

Most of the transfers are from national army units at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J. Three men came from the American expeditionary forces in France and in other cases it is evident that men were withdrawn from recruits about to sail to join Gen. Pershing's command.

Lowell, Friday, Dec. 14, 1917

A. G. POLLARD CO.

Lowell's Biggest and Best Christmas Store

An Unusual Collection

OF

NEW

Christmas WAISTS

Our New Waist Department is ample assistance in your selection of Christmas Waists. New Waists arriving daily, so that there are always new styles to admire from day to day.

BLACK POPLIN WAISTS—New styles in Black Poplin Waists, suitable for maids and waitresses. Made of good quality black poplin, high or low collar, plain front with pocket or plaited. Sizes 36 to 46. Special at..... 98c

BLACK WAISTS IN BIG SIZES—Made extra full and roomy for stout figures. Sizes 48 to 52. Special at..... \$1.50

GEORGETTE AND CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS—In many new styles, either tailored or lace and embroidery trimmed. All colors, including the suit shades. Special..... \$5.00

NEW TUXEDO WAISTS—Of imported colored striped voile with Tuxedo collar of white pique. Colors: Lavender, blue, pink and gold. Special \$1.98

CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS—New styles in high or low necks, with plaited fronts, semi-tailored, and heavy lace trimmed. Colors: White, flesh, navy and black. Special \$3.98

WAIST DEPT.

SECOND FLOOR—BRIDGE

THE

NEW CHRISTMAS BATHROBES ARE HERE

A BIG SHIPMENT OF NEW BATHROBES FOR CHRISTMAS HAS JUST ARRIVED

All new Robes, fresh for Christmas, in all colors and sizes. Bought at the old prices, which means a saving to you.

All perfect and made full. Priced

\$3.98 \$5.00 \$5.98

MORE "SWAGGER" HATS ARRIVED

These Hats are the very latest from New York. All colors and combinations. Suitable for skating, motorcycling and street wear. The newest and most popular hat of the season. These hats are in the Cloak Department.

Silk Petticoats For Christmas

Our assortment of Silk Petticoats for Christmas is the largest in the city. Every combination of color carried out in the changeables and also plain colors. Our petticoats are fuller and more roomy than most petticoats, as we pay extra so as to have good full petticoats.

Regular and extra sizes, in all colors—

\$3.98 and \$5.00

CHILDREN'S RAIN CAPES

Made of fine quality Poplin. Colors: Red, navy and tan; with hood. Sizes 6 to 14 \$2.50

Silk Vests, Shawls and Cardigans

A big assortment of Shawls, Cardigans, Spencers, Silk Vests and Breakfast Jackets for Christmas presents.

Silk Vests, without sleeves (imported).....\$1.50 Black Knitted Hoods..... 98c

Silk Vests, with sleeves (imported).....\$2.50 Shawls, hand made, all colors..... \$1.50 to \$3.98

Cardigans, gray or black.....\$1.50 Spencers, all colors.....\$1.98 and \$2.98

Fascinator, all colors..... 49c Breakfast Jackets, all colors.....\$2.98 and \$3.98

CLOAK DEPT. SECOND FLOOR

ANOTHER ONE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY REDUCTIONS THAT ARE SO FREQUENT IN OUR GREAT UNDERPRICED BASEMENT GOES ON SALE TODAY

300 Dozen Ladies' and Children's Wool and Cashmere Hose

At 35c a Pair—3 Pairs for \$1.00

Regular Price 50c Pair

Bought by us as seconds and mill runs, but after looking them over thoroughly we find that only about 10 dozen are slightly imperfect, the rest are as good as firsts. These would make excellent Christmas gifts.

BLACK RIBBED WOOL HOSE—Ladies' fine or coarse ribbed, extra heavy quality; regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

GRAY RIBBED WOOL HOSE—Ladies' heavy wool hose, ribbed, in oxford and silver gray, regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

BLACK WOOL HOSE WITH RIBBED TOP—Ladies' black wool hose, good quality, with ribbed top and gray heel and toe, regular 50c value, only.....35c Pair; 3 Pairs \$1.00

SPECIAL

100 DOZEN BOYS' AND GIRLS' WOOL HOSE—Fine ribbed, extra warm quality, only 29c Pair

WOOL CASHMERE HOSE WITH HEMMED TOP—Ladies' black hose, wool cashmere hose, in oxford gray; extra good quality, with hemmed top, regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

WOOL CASHMERE HOSE, RIBBED TOP—Ladies' fine wool cashmere hose, good quality, with ribbed top and gray wool heel and toe, regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

CHILDREN'S WORSTED HOSE—Boys' and girls' black worsted ribbed hose, with gray toe and heel, extra fine quality, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

PALMER STREET BASEMENT

The Big Drive for 50,000 Members in Northern Middlesex County FOR THE

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Starts Next Monday. Be Ready for it. The cost to you will be just \$1.00

EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN LOWELL CAN BE A RED CROSS MEMBER

LAST JUNE something like 20,000 people became Red Cross members. That was so early in the war that we were not aroused to the matter. What is wanted now is 30,000 more members.

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP will run through 1918. Your present membership may be expiring any time during 1918. The great mass of the people, whether members now or not, will want the 1918 membership button, the 1918 Red Cross service emblem. All can get it by getting into the 1918 list next week.

THEREFORE THE DRIVE next week will be for all the people, whether they are members or not. If you are already a member you do not need to join again, but you probably will join again and give the Red Cross a great lift in its work.

THERE ARE FEW PEOPLE who count a dollar as worth much all alone. If you were the only member the Red Cross had, the Red Cross could not do much. But you are multiplied and your dollar is multiplied. In Lowell we hope to multiply by 50,000. The result will be a great force, a tremendous power that will be big enough and strong enough to do the immense work of Red Cross relief in this war.

THIS DRIVE is not so much for money as for members. Build the Red Cross up to the size it ought to attain.

THE DOLLAR your membership costs means little to you.

BUT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS MEANS EVERYTHING TO THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS. JOIN THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN NEXT WEEK'S DRIVE. WEAR THE RED CROSS 1918 BUTTON.

HEADQUARTERS LOCATIONS { War Work Headquarters, 119 Merrimack Street. Red Cross Headquarters, Bigelow-Hartford Mill.



HOME MADE RED CROSS KNITTING BAGS ARE APPRECIATED CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

This young person is busy demonstrating the charm and efficiency of the stand-up knitting.

Balancing skilfully on a street car, she is a living model of how to improve each shining minute and at the same time dexterously avoid the destruction of the eye of the next strap-hanger.

For two delectable bags are for conveying the sacred yarn to more social occasions, to matinees

and dances where one plies the industrious needle between sugar, 1 tablespoonful (or less) colored satin with gold cords and tassels—and the lower half of gold silk and metallic lace and flowers.

Either of these bags can be fashioned at home by the woman who knows that knitting bags are the choicest of Christmas gifts this winter.

XMAS BENEFIT BY ELKS AT THE KASINO

The Lowell lodge of Elks staged their annual Christmas benefit concert last evening at the Kasino, in Thorne-dike street and once more the "Elks" came into the limelight with something novel and enjoyable.

"Pop concert" was the way the audience notices had described the affair and the gentle shades of Symphony hall never beheld a more enjoyable scene than that which greeted the visitors to last night's affair. The Kasino had been appropriately decorated for the occasion and tables had been placed at varying intervals

to lend a real "pops" appearance to the affair. The effect was very realistic.

The receipts of last evening's entertainment are to be devoted solely to Christmas charity work which is one of the annual features of the Elks' organization throughout the country. Perhaps this fact caused those present at the concert last evening to enjoy the affair more than would have otherwise been the case. The entertainment opened at 8 o'clock and it was early this morning before Broderick's orchestra had played the final dance number.

Charles F. Young, a member of the lodge, was the decorator. Purple, significant of the Elks' order, was tastefully intertwined about the hall with the national colors.

The entertainers included: Commissioner Donnelly, who got his usual big hand; Walter Davis, Ed. Haudley, Walter Clough, Bertha Dion, Alice

Dion, Mrs. Florence Saxon, Miss May Bradley and Margaret Milica Henry. The latter of The Strand, Thelma Lee Craft, of Midden, gave solo dances, and Miss Flora MacLean of this city gave some of her best Scottish numbers, with Piper Scott giving the real stirring notes.

At 10:55 the Elks assembled on the floor of the hall and Mayor-elect Perry D. Thompson, a member of the lodge, accompanied by Eugene V. Brown, exalted ruler, and Commissioners James E. Donnelly and Charles J. Morse, gave the impressive 11 o'clock toast to our absent brothers. Commissioner Donnelly then sang the Elks' song, "Here's to Our Absent Brothers" and the entire assembly joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The Elks then stood at attention as the orchestra struck up "The Star Spangled Banner" and a large American flag was dropped by Frederick Gilmore, esteemed lecturing knight, assisted by Bro. William Nitschke of the local navy station. This was perhaps the most beautiful service of the evening.

The Christmas charity committee which had charge of last evening's affair is as follows:

C. Fred Gilmore, esteemed leading knight
Geo. A. Tyrrell, secretary
Frank Ricard, treasurer
Robt. H. Dawson, Ed. F. Saunders
Jas. J. Boland, J. Lawler, Ford
Jos. Haggerty, John H. Farrell
Wm. H. Mahan, Jas. H. Walker
John H. Cull, Fred A. Austin
Wm. Scott, P.E.R., Frank A. Mallory
John H. Cleary, Jas. E. Donnelly
John J. Lee, P.E.R., Chas. J. Morse
Jos. Burns, Jas. L. Kenney
Thos. F. Golden, E. T. Brown, E.R.
John J. Henley, Geo. Conway
Samuel Scott

DEATHS

CULLINAN—Mrs. Gertrude (Her-rick) Cullinan, a former resident of this city, died yesterday at her home in Brockton. She leaves to mourn her husband, William J. Cullinan, the well known druggist of Brockton; two sons, Fred and Ralph, and a daughter, Gertrude.

CHRISTOPoulos—Niketos Christopoulos, aged 52 years, died today at the Lowell General hospital. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son in Atken street. His home was at 93 Moody street.

FUNERAL NOTICES

MARONEY—The funeral of Patrick T. Maroney will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from the chapel of James F. O'Donnell & Sons. A funeral mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

SIX COAL BARGES LOST—ALL ON BOARD SAVED

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 14.—The tug Bully of the Owen McCaffrey & Company's transportation line, New York, arrived in the harbor today and reported the loss of six barges, coal laden, for Bridgeport and New Haven. The tug and tow had been inside the harbor for three days waiting for the wind, rain and snow storms to abate, but during the sale last night the barges broke away and went down. All the men, women and children on board were saved and taken on the tug.

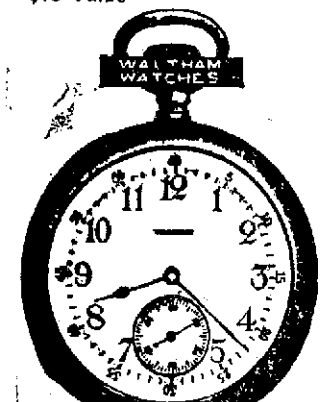
The schooner Mary E. Cuff with sand from Rockaway for the Norwalk Iron Works Co., is wrecked on Belle Island, having been blown ashore during the night.

I Buy Direct
You Save Money

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES HERE

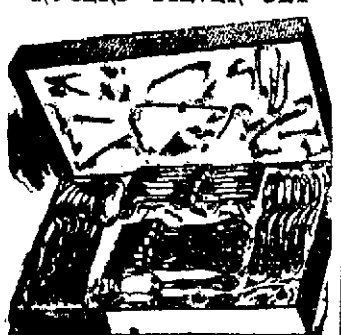
Because I buy direct from the manufacturer and eliminate the jobber and the middleman's additional cost on merchandise. In doing business with the factory I save at least 33 1-3% to 50% in the buying. With my purchasing powers, therefore, I can offer almost double the value of a dollar here. Come and look, it will be worth your while to be convinced that we undersell our competitors by a visit to our store—if only for comparison of prices and merchandise.

WALTHAM \$8.50
WATCHES \$15 Value



Gentleman's Genuine Waltham watch that is guaranteed for 10 years. I need say no more about this watch.

ROGERS SILVER SET



This set consists of six knives, six forks, six tablespoons, six teaspoons, butter knife and sugar shell all in 20-year quality quadruple plate silver, standard quality and finish; 26 pieces in all.

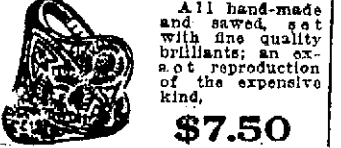
\$6.95

LINKS



Solid gold top in plain polished Roman and engraved links—one piece p o s t, solid bean, excellent value.

\$1.00

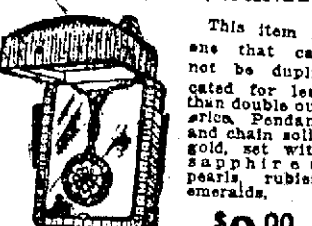


Platinum Finish Princess Rings

\$7.50

Prices and Quality Speak Louder Than Words Here

SOLID GOLD PENDANTS



\$2.00

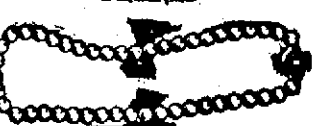
Fine Gold Filled Watch Bracelet



Like the expensive ones; with a 30-year case, KANT-KUD of 100% insures safety; guaranteed movement; good timekeeper can be worn on wrist, chain or pin... \$6.50

Remember, each case stamped 20 years.

PEARLS



Regular length French freshwater pearls; solid gold catch.

\$1.50

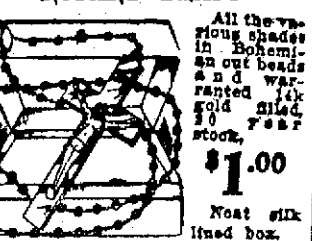
TOILET SETS



Fine quality Derby silver, consisting of comb, brush and mirror, in polished and Butler finish grey.

\$6.00

ROSARY BEADS



All the various shades in Bohemian and out beads—solid gold, 14k gold, 10k gold, 8k gold, 6k gold, 4k gold, 2k gold, 1k gold, 1/2k gold, 1/4k gold, 1/8k gold, 1/16k gold, 1/32k gold, 1/64k gold, 1/128k gold, 1/256k gold, 1/512k gold, 1/1024k gold, 1/2048k gold, 1/4096k gold, 1/8192k gold, 1/16384k gold, 1/32768k gold, 1/65536k gold, 1/131072k gold, 1/262144k gold, 1/524288k gold, 1/1048576k gold, 1/2097152k gold, 1/4194304k gold, 1/8388608k gold, 1/16777216k gold, 1/33554432k gold, 1/67108864k gold, 1/134217728k gold, 1/268435456k gold, 1/536870912k gold, 1/1073741824k gold, 1/2147483648k gold, 1/4294967296k gold, 1/8589934592k gold, 1/17179869184k gold, 1/34359738368k gold, 1/68719476736k gold, 1/137438953472k gold, 1/274877906944k gold, 1/549755813888k gold, 1/1099511627776k gold, 1/2199023255552k gold, 1/4398046511104k gold, 1/8796093022208k gold, 1/17592186044416k gold, 1/35184372088832k gold, 1/70368744177664k gold, 1/140737488355328k gold, 1/281474976710656k gold, 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PATRICK MARONEY WAS BURNED TO DEATH

Patrick T. Maroney, aged 35 years and residing at 24 Rock street, was burned to death at the plant of the Lowell Gas Light Co. about ten o'clock last night, where he was employed as a fireman.

The accident happened in the retort

house where the gas is taken from the coal by heating the latter in immense ovens. In some unaccountable manner Maroney slipped and fell directly upon a bed of red hot coal. His body was burned to a crisp. The body was removed to the rooms of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

Besides his wife, Catherine Maroney, he is survived by three sons, Joseph, John and Martin; two daughters, Della and Virginia; five brothers and one sister, Mrs. Bridget Fallon of Denver, Col. He was a member of the Lowell Aerie of Eagles.

SEWING AND KNITTING FOR RED CROSS

Through the efforts of Mrs. George E. Calise and Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.E., pastor of St. Joseph's parish, about 200 women of the parish gathered in the college hall in Merrimack street last evening for the purpose of sewing and knitting for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Calise explained the purpose of the gathering and requested the women to present to urge their friends and relatives to join in the movement, which she termed a very worthy one. Mrs. Calise informed her listeners that it was planned to meet once a week at the college and those who could spare some time while at home, could secure work by applying at her home.

Present at the meeting were Miss Ruth Burke and Mrs. Herbert Pickering of the Middlesex chapter of the American Red Cross, who expressed extreme satisfaction at the success of the initial meeting. Miss Burke announced that any of the women who wished to obtain membership in the American Red Cross could give their contribution of one dollar to Mrs. Calise. It is probable that a similar movement will soon be started in Notre Dame de Lourdes parish.

CHELMSFORD SENDS CONTRIBUTION TO THE HALIFAX RELIEF FUND

Chefmsford's contribution to date to the Halifax relief fund amounts to \$325.51 and yesterday a check for that amount was sent to Treasurer Robert Winsor by Rev. E. A. Robinson, treasurer of the Chefmsford committee. It is expected that within a few days another substantial check will be sent through money that is pledged and projects that are under way.

FEAR AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH WHEN HOUSE WAS DESTROYED

FAVILL, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Louis Brewer, 85 years old, is thought to have burned to death when her house was destroyed by fire about 8 o'clock last night. The house, which was located on Turnpike road, was burned to the ground. As it is known that she was in the house at 6 o'clock and was too feeble to venture out alone, it is feared that she has perished.

The fire was discovered by Arthur Willisworth, who saw the flames bursting from the roof. He tried to break

Down and Out Mother Braces Up. Surprises Whole Family

She had worked, loved and was happy in doing for her children, and when she started to break down they were frantic, were willing to do almost anything to make her last years happy and free from worry and illness. Nothing they did seemed to help; doctors, medicines or rest gave no results.

Finally, when all were about desperate with worry a neighbor induced them to try Phosphated Iron. It had worked such wonders with her old folks. Ready to grasp at any help they got a supply and the way their mother improved from the start was almost too good to believe. It sure was a happy and reunited family and you can bet they are all boosting Phosphated Iron to the limit.

Doctors the world over will tell you that Phosphates and Iron will build up and store strength and energy against old age and nervous break downs. One of our leading physicians says, "The results I have obtained with Phosphated Iron have been great in cases of old people, where it was necessary to build up strength, revive bodily functions, give them life, renewed youth and health."

There must be something to it. Doctors and druggists all tell the same story of success.

Special Notice—To insure physicians and their patients getting the genuine Phosphated Iron, it is put up in capsules only. Do not allow dealers to give you pills or tablets, insist on capsules.

Fred Howard, 199 Central St., Lowell Pharmacy, 632 Merrimack St., and leading druggists everywhere.

the door in, but was unsuccessful and ran to ring in the alarm. The fire department was unable to save the house but prevented the blaze from spreading to the adjoining barn.

Frank Brown, a music teacher and a relative of Mrs. Brewer, who lived in the house with her, was away and did not return until after the fire was out. He fears that the aged woman burned to death.

RUSSIAN JOINS U. S. ARMY ENGINEERS

Russia through fighting? Well, here's one Russian who is just beginning. Anatoly Vladimirov Lankovsky, son of the surgeon-general of Russia's armies, is enlisting in the 116th U. S. engineers. He has been studying at the University of California.



His brother has enlisted as a private in the U. S. aviation corps. They wanted to bar Lankovsky because of his eyesight, but he told them he didn't need glasses—he could recognize Germans by their smell.

FORMER CHAPLAIN OF SIXTH REGIMENT HAS WORD TO SAY ABOUT HISTORY

Rev. William F. Dusseault, pastor of the Second Universalist church of Lynn and former chaplain of the Sixth regiment, was the speaker at last evening's December meeting of the Men's club of the Grace Universalist church. Mr. Dusseault spoke on the wrong impression which the American history gives as taught in the schools today and urged that the younger generation be told the facts truthfully and then be allowed to face them.

He asked his listeners to give their utmost to co-operate with the boys at the front and said that they should be willing to work 18 to 20 hours a day in such a cause if it should become necessary.

A luncheon was served after the address.

GERMAN EDITOR WHO FILED FALSE TRANSLATIONS OF ARTICLES IS UNDER ARREST

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 14.—Paul Stoeckel of this city, editor of the Connecticut Staats Zeitung, and a prominent German resident of this state, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal Mahon on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Rice in Holyoke, Mass., charging Stoeckel and his partner, Mr. Wirth, with violation of the federal law regarding articles published in the German language press.

It is alleged that Stoeckel and Wirth did not file with the postmaster at Holyoke where the Connecticut Staats Zeitung is published, German translations in English of all the articles and comments they published relative to the war.

THREE FATALLY INJURED AT FUEL OIL FIRE ON NAVY TUG AT ATLANTIC PORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Three men were injured fatally and a fourth seriously in a fuel oil fire on a navy tug at an Atlantic port, the navy department announced last night.

The dead are Bruce W. Ross, machinist, Portsmouth, Va.; Lloyd J. Hampton, water tender, Bamboe, N. C.; and William Williams, chief water tender, Portsmouth, Va.

Ellsworth L. Trumbull, a fireman of Martinsville, Ind., was seriously burned.

Corp. Al Connors, formerly a grocery clerk of St. Louis, now stationed at Port Hill, Ok., will receive a 175-foot letter from his employers, follow clerks and customers.

OPEN FRIDAY NIGHTS TILL 9.30

IF YOU'VE GOT THE CASH HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SAVE \$10.00.

Shuman Made Absolutely All Wool Suits and Overcoats at less than the wholesale price today. There are about 150 Suits and 200 overcoats left in the lot. While they last they're marked

\$20.00

On account of these garments being sold at less than wholesale price we must request cash with every sale—no charges or memos.

FRIDAY NIGHT THREE HOUR SPECIALS

FROM 6.30 TO 9.30 ONLY

Men's \$30.00 Suits	\$24.50
Men's \$15 Overcoats	\$12.75
Men's \$25.00 Suits	\$21.50
Men's \$12.50 Suits	\$10.00
Men's \$15.00 Odd Suits	\$8.75
Men's \$10.00 Raincoats	\$7.95
Men's \$20 quality Ulster Coats, odds	\$10.00
Men's \$5.00 Pants	\$3.95
Men's \$2.50 Pants	\$1.95
Men's \$3.50 Hats	\$2.95
Men's \$1.50 Winter Caps	\$1.15
Men's \$1.00 Winter Caps	.79c
Men's \$1.25 Umbrellas	.95c
Men's \$1.50 Shirts, all styles	\$1.29
Men's \$8.00 Sweaters	\$6.50
Men's \$5.00 Sweaters	\$3.95
Men's 75c Work Shirts	.59c
Men's \$1.50 Underwear	\$1.19
Men's 35c Stockings	.26c
Men's 25c Stockings	.19c
Men's \$1.00 Neckwear	.89c

FRIDAY NIGHT THREE HOUR SPECIALS

Ladies' \$40.00 Suits	\$26.50
Ladies' \$30.00 Suits	\$16.50
Ladies' \$25.00 Suits	\$12.50
Ladies' \$20.00 Coats	\$16.50
Ladies' \$5.00 Petticoats	\$3.95
Ladies' \$3.95 Petticoats	\$2.98
Ladies' \$25.00 Silk Dresses	\$19.75
Ladies' \$20.00 Serge Dresses	\$15.75
Ladies' \$12.50 Serge or Silk Dresses	\$9.75
Ladies' \$5.95 Waists	\$3.98
Ladies' \$2.98 Waists	\$1.98
Ladies' \$1.98 Waists	\$1.29
Ladies' 98c Waists	.79c
Ladies' \$1.15 House Dresses	.89c
Ladies' 89c Bungalow Aprons	.49c
Ladies' \$1.00 Quality Silk Stockings	.49c
Boys' \$10.00 Overcoats	\$8.95
Boys' \$6.00 Overcoats	\$4.95
Boys' \$10.00 Suits	\$8.95
Boys' \$7.00 Suits	\$5.95
Boys' Odd Overcoats, values up to \$5	\$3.95
Boys' Odd Suits, values up to \$4	\$1.95
Boys' \$1.25 Odd Pants	.95c
Boys' 29c Stockings	.21c

WE are ready as usual—with a store brimfull of useful Christmas Gifts for Fathers, Mothers, Husbands, Wives, Daughters, Sisters, Sons, Brothers, Sweethearts and the Boy "over there and here."

Giving is a privilege. The size of the Gift does not matter—the sacrifice does.

Here are a few items from our vast stocks that may help you make your selections.

Men's Overcoats	\$10.00 to \$35.00
Men's Suits	\$12.50 to \$30.00
Men's Rain Coats	\$5.00 to \$20.00
Men's Separate Pants	\$2.50 to \$5.00
Men's Bath Robes	\$3.75 to \$10.00
Men's House Coats	\$5.00 to \$10.00
Men's Fancy Vests	\$1.00 to \$3.50
Men's Hats	\$2.00 to \$6.00
Men's Caps	.50c to \$6.00
Men's Umbrellas	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Men's Shirts	.75c to \$7.00
Men's Underwear	.50c to \$5.00
Men's Sweaters	\$3.00 to \$10.00
Men's Handkerchiefs	.5c to \$1.00
Men's Hosiery	.15c to \$1.15
Men's Neckwear	.25c to \$2.50
Men's Suspenders	.35c and \$1.00
Men's Belts	.25c to \$1.00
Men's Collars	\$2.00 Per Dozen
Men's Cuff Buttons	.25c to \$3.00
Men's Scarf Pins	.50c to \$3.50
Men's Knife and Chains	\$2.00 and \$3.00

Ladies' Coats, Wool	\$5.00 to \$40.00
Ladies' Coats, Fur	\$25.00 to \$225
Ladies' Suits	\$12.50 to \$40.00
Ladies' Rain Coats	\$2.95 to \$25.00
Ladies' Separate Skirts	\$3.98 to \$6.98
Ladies' Petticoats	.98c to \$5.00
Ladies' Fur Scarfs	\$10.00 to \$20.00
Ladies' Fur Muffs	\$9.75 to \$25.00
Ladies' Silk and Serge Dresses	\$7.50 to \$50
Ladies' Umbrellas	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Ladies' Sweaters	\$4.98 to \$13.50
Ladies' Handkerchiefs	.75c and \$1.50 Box
Boys' Overcoats	\$3.95 to \$15.00
Boys' Suits	\$5.00 to \$15.00
Boys' Black Rubber Rain Coats	\$4.00
Boys' Tan Rain Coats with Hat	\$4.00
Boys' Separate Pants	.75c to \$1.75
Boys' Shirts and Waists	.60c to \$1.00
Boys' Underwear	.50c to \$1.00
Boys' Neckwear	.25c
Boys' Hats and Caps	.50c to \$3.00
Boys' Gloves	.45c to \$1.00

Merrimack Clothing Co.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT

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Men's Jewelry

What to get for him for Christmas is always a perplexing question.

Come and see our array of practical things—the kind of gifts men like, at money saving prices.

Among others are such things as military watches, cigarette cases, shaving outfits, silver pencils, sterling silver match boxes, cuff links, tie pins, fountain pens, smoking sets, etc. These are only a few suggestions from the many hundred of acceptable gifts on hand at this store.

By calling here first you will save time and shoe leather for we have exactly the gifts that will please the man.

Geo. H. Wood
135 CENTRAL ST.



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COMPARE PRICES WITH WHAT YOU ARE PAYING

100 P. C. Pure FLOATING SOAP	Sweet MAINE STYLE CORN	Fresh BLACK BACK FLOUNDERS
6 Bars 25c	3 Cans 40c	Lb. 10c

MEAT	FISH
15c Beef Kidney.....12½c lb.	25c Large F'y Mackerel, 20c lb.
28c Smoked Shoulders.....26c lb.	35c Eastern Halibut.....30c lb.
32c Salt Pork.....28c lb.	20c Finnan Haddie.....18c lb.
35c Small Star Hams.....32c lb.	35c Steel Head Salmon.....30c lb.
28c Small Rib Roasts.....20c lb.	12c Labrador Herring.....9c lb.
40c Sirloin Roasts.....30c lb.	70c Select Oysters.....60c qt.
50c Choice Rump Steak.....40c lb.	15c Sliced Bluefish.....12½c lb.
35c Legs Genuine Lamb.....30c lb.	20c Sliced Steak Cod.....17c lb.
45c Spring Lamb Chops.....35c lb.	20c Cod Cheeks.....18c lb.
27c Spring Lamb Fores.....24c lb.	20c Salt Red Salmon.....15c lb.
32c Fresh Fowl.....27c lb.	10c Salt Herring.....7c each
38c Choice Chickens.....35c lb.	
30c R. I. Ducks.....25c lb.	
42c Young Turkeys.....35c lb.	

SMALL FRESH PORLOINS, 10 Lbs. 20c Lb.

GROCERIES	VEGETABLES
That Are Good at Low Prices	Heavy Lettuce5c head
15c Early June Peas.....3 for 40c	Boston Market Celery.....20c
22c Hand Pack Tomatoes 17c can	St. Andrew's Turnips, 5 lbs. 10c
20c Kidney Beans.....15c can	Sound Onions4 lbs. 19c
35c Birdseye Matches.....29c pkg.	Spanish Onions.....5c lb.
15c Pure Red Currant Jell, 12½c	Large Green Cucumbers, 13c each
15c Climax Macaroni.....12½c	Mushrooms.....59c lb.
13c Campbell's Tomato Soup, 10c	Choice Baldwin Apples 35c peck
	Brussell Sprouts.....20c
	Beets.....4 for 19c

TEA AND COFFEE	CRACKERS
If you want good tea or coffee, you can get it here. The lowest prices for the quality.	You can get some fine mixtures of cookies for any occasion.
Ceylon Teas.....49c, 59c lb.	Any kind that you know of, you are almost sure to find it here.
Choice Formosa.....39c, 49c, 59c	
Coffee.....19c, 25c, 35c lb.	
Cocoa.....20c lb.	

FAIRBURN'S

12-14 Merrimack Sq.

ROAD TO VICTORY IN FRANCE

BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Dec. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—There is a broad road which runs like a spinal column across the north of France, which the British private has nicknamed the "Road to Victory." His fondness for this road is perhaps due to the fact that it is broader, better paved, and more direct than most other roads, being one of those highways which Napoleon laid out many generations ago.

Over this "Road to Victory" there moves a never-ending procession of transport of the most varied character, standing at a crossroads, one sees first a group of four wagons; there is a pleasant load, for they carry rations, clean, wholesome yellow cheeses, sides

of prime bacon, fresh white bread in sacks, chests of tea, sugar, jam, tinned butter and bully-beef, sacks of potatoes and onions, sides of frozen beef and mutton.

Behind the ration carts follow a string of 20 great hooded motor-lorries laden with lumber of various kinds. Each lorry in this group carries its name proudly on its side, the names all taken from Dickens' characters—Betsey Pric, Martin Chuzzlewit, Micawber, Oliver Twist, Mr. Bumble, Sairey Gamp, and others. Some are carrying "buckskins," which are little sections of skeleton sidewalk for foot traffic over the mud. Others are laden with "turkey trots," little wooden bridges for shell holes. Still others have long bundles of brushwood "ratchets" for filling in hollow places in roads. Yet others have lengths of beech planking for corduroy roads.

Next in line behind the lorries is a battery of field guns painted in a strange motley of greens, browns and yellows. The horses are in the pink of condition, their coats gleaming, their drivers tanned brick-red by exposure.

After the guns come long strings of pack mules wearing brown canvas carriers, from the pockets of which peep the gleaming cases of which between dump and gun position, mostly under shellfire, always through roads muddy and wet and shell-torn.

So the long column moves onward under the beckoning hand of the military policeman at the crossroads. More lorries pass, filled with men all singing lustily. Then come two strange looking tractors hauling big howitzers; a labor battalion marching forward to work and carrying shovels instead of rifles; more mules; more lorries;—an endless procession, always going forward along this great road.

And the road itself, on which the traffic never ceases day or night, moves always, pushing further and further forward to the east.

HIGH COST OF MILK IS VERY DISASTROUS

Disastrous results of the sudden rise in the cost of milk, which is causing the poor to drop it from the diet of babies and young children, are reported by the experts of the national children's bureau, who fear widespread sickness and a rapid increase in infant mortality, unless milk is continued in the feedings.

That the situation is desperate is shown in the reports of social workers during the past few weeks.

In New York city the mayor's committee on milk reports that the total supply has been reduced 25 per cent and that the consumption of milk in certain parts of the city has been reduced by half. In the analysis of the milk consumed by 2200 families it is shown that among them there were 5423 children under six years of age. The milk estimated to be adequate for these families was 81 quarts, whereas the amount actually purchased was 3193 quarts. Of 120 families who dropped milk entirely 73 substituted canned condensed milk, and 1213 of the 1480 families visited were substituting tea and coffee. Children under six years old were found in 2148 cases to be drinking tea and coffee. For babies under one year old the amount of milk purchased was less than that of last year in more than half the families. Twenty-five families with babies have ceased altogether to buy milk.

In Philadelphia social welfare workers report that many of the poor mothers have practically given up buying milk.

The children's bureau estimates that every child under six should have at least a pint and a half of milk daily to meet the situation disclosed by

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

Ruddy Cheeks—Sparkling Eyes—Most Women Can Have

Says Dr. Edwards, a Well-Known Ohio Physician

Dr. F. M. Edwards for 17 years treated scores of women for liver and bowel ailments. During these years he gave to his patients a prescription made of a few well-known vegetable ingredients mixed with olive oil, naming them Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. You will know them by their olive color.

These tablets are wonder-workers on the liver and bowels, which cause a normal action, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter in one's system.

If you have a pale face, sallow look, dull eyes, pimples, coated tongue, headaches, a listless, no-good feeling, all out of sorts, inactive bowels, you take one of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets nightly for a time and note the pleasing results.

Thousands of women as well as men take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the successful substitute for calomel—now and then just to keep in the pink of condition. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

These reports constant efforts will be made by the children's bureau to induce families to buy the required amount of milk. Except in cases where the cost of milk is really prohibitive for the very poor, it is believed that families can be educated to realize the absolute necessity of buying milk for their children. That mothers will procure even at a sacrifice that which is essential for their babies was shown in the educational campaign undertaken a few years ago by the New York milk committee to teach mothers the importance of clean milk. Once convinced that baby's life might be the price of cheap milk even the very poorest insisted on buying grade A certified milk in spite of the increased cost.

That milk will have to be supplied at public expense for families who cannot afford to buy it while the present emergency lasts, is the conclusion of the children's bureau.

GERMAN FOR PEACE BY UNDERSTANDING

AMSTERDAM, Dec.—German victory in the war would mean that the Germans "as the dominant race, would have to keep in subjection by force of arms the crushed and dispossessed peoples," asserts Georg Gothein, a leading liberal member of the German Reichstag, in an editorial article in the official organ of the influential German Association for Commercial Treaties.

"Should we actually succeed in gaining a decisive victory, which only a few persons believe possible," he writes, "we should have to bear a weight of armaments for that purpose which would make it impossible for our national strength, so terribly weakened in any case by bloody losses, again to regain its economic power. And yet without this permanent political strength is impossible. One day the world would rise against the German sway, would burst its fetters, would destroy our power which would be lacking in economic support. For if we have been able to hold out this time, we have above all to thank our economic efficiency."

"There remains only one solution, peace by understanding. A peace which is permanent must remove from the world the rivalry of power."

"An economic war after the war would be unbearable for Germany."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The members of Union Garin, National Independent, met last night at C.A.A.C. hall and, besides transacting considerable routine business, elected officers for the ensuing term. President, Etienne Raymond occupied the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Etienne Raymond; vice president, Alfred Gregoire; financial secretary, Albert Lebel; recording secretary, Arthur Robillard; treasurer, Raoul Morin; first guide, Joseph Goyette; second guide, William Bourgeois; first sentinel, Louis Gaudreau; trustees, Arthur Lavoie, Francois Tremblay and Louis Gingras.

Four applications for membership were received and four new members were initiated. It was announced that the installation of officers would be held on a second Thursday of January and that a fine program of entertainment would be arranged for the occasion and refreshments would be served.

The regular meeting and election of officers of James A. Garfield, Post 120, C.A.R., was held Wednesday night, the election of officers resulting as follows: Commander, Thomas O. Bacon; senior vice commander, Joseph Daniel; junior vice commander, N. B. Lamond; quartermaster, William L. Dickey; chaplain, A. J. Boies; surgeon, Charles W. Brown; officer of the day, A. W. Stebbins; officer of the guard, Alexander Flanders; trustees, post fund, C. H. Sickney, F. B. Butler, R. D. Plumbstead; trustees, burial fund, R. D. Plumbstead, W. L. Dickey; delegates to department convention, A. W. Stebbins, Alexander Flanders, William L. Dickey, alternates, Alex. Flanders, A. J. Boies, John Cochran. Relief committees for respective wards were all re-elected. The following amendment to article 1, section 2, of the by-laws, offered Wednesday, Nov. 7, Resolved, that we change article 1, section 2, of the by-laws, so that it shall read, the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m. instead of the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The above amendment was voted upon, and defeated by a large majority.

At the meeting of Edith Prescott Wolcott auxiliary, No. 3, U.S.W.V., the following officers were elected to serve during the year 1918: President, Mrs. Isabel M. Ellis; senior vice president, Miss Elizabeth Larkin; junior vice president, Mrs. Ada Gilmore; chaplain, Mrs. Ida McShane; historian, Mrs. Mary Lucraft; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth McShane; auditor, Miss Elsie McShane; assistant conductor, Miss Ruth Wynne; guard, Miss Elizabeth McBride; assistant guard, Miss Eliza Allen McShane; press correspondent, Mrs. Melissa P. Ellis, who is given an assistant in Mrs. Blanche M. Kelly.

The regular meeting of Council Capitulation of Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amérique was held last night in C. M.A.C. hall, President Charles E. Barry occupying the chair. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted during the evening, including the election of officers. During the early part of the meeting 12 new members were initiated and 16 applications for membership received. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Alexandre Thibault; vice president, Wilfred Thibault; secretary, Alne Plourde; assistant secretary, Oscar Leclair; preceptor, Louis Asselin; treasurer, J. B. Morin; auditor, Octave Hardy; master of ceremonies, Joseph L. Morneau; chief marshals, Arthur Courcy and William Deel; Organiser, N. N. Choteau of North Cambridge. N. N. present during the evening and complimented the council on its fine showing. Extensive plans were made for a public installation to be held at the C.M.A.C. at the first meeting in January. Everybody is invited to be present and the president general of the union, Henri T. Leduc of Manchester, N. H., will act as installing officer.

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WE'VE talked Overcoats until every man in Lowell should know that this is the overcoat store. Our stock is equal any two other stores and our prices are as low as any and in most cases lower. Most people know this store but if you are one of the few who do not we take this time to ask you to inspect the best store and the best stock in the city.

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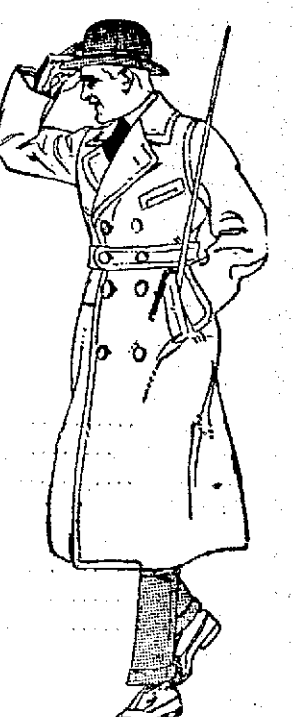
We show and are selling a great many heavy Frieze Ulsters. Made with an extra weight mackinaw lining. The coats are so very heavy they take the place of Fur Coats and are just as warm, being wind and water proof. You'll keep warm in these ulsters. They could not be produced today to sell less than thirty-five dollars and are wonders at.

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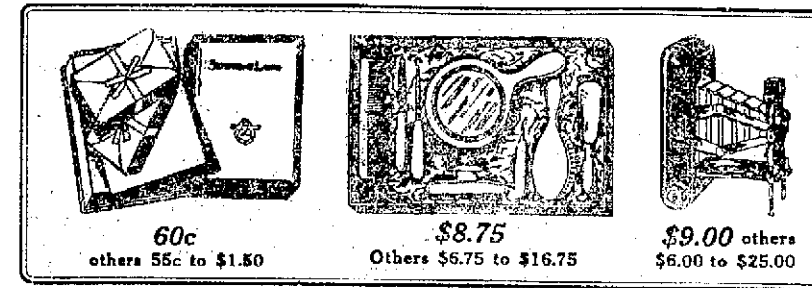


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To solve the gift problem just step into your nearest Liggett Drug Store.

Gifts from Liggett's are appreciated because they are useful, practical and uncommon.

We have some particularly appropriate gifts for the boys in service, such as collapsible air pillows and wash basins, money belts, wrist watches, etc.



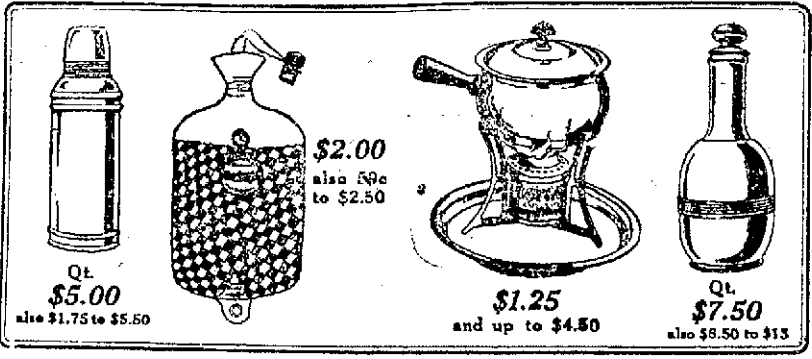
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WITH HELMET LIKE THIS SAMMY DEFIES COLD WINDS

When he gets "over there," the khaki boy will find a wool helmet a bulky thing, for protection against cold biting winds. For it one half of yarn (1-4 lb.) and four Red Cross needles No. 2 are necessary.

Directions for knitting: Cast on 66 stitches loosely. Knit plain for eight inches for front piece and leave on extra needle. Knit another piece to correspond for back. These pieces must be at least 9 inches wide. Slip the stitches of both pieces on to three needles, arranging for last two stitches of back piece to be on beginning of first needle, with 53 stitches of front piece added (making 140 on first needle).

Divide rest of stitches on other 2 needles—35-35.

Beginning with first needle, knit 2, purl 2 for 6 inches. Then on first needle, knit 2, purl 2 for 18 stitches. Bind off 22 stitches for face opening. (Try to keep same arrangement of stitches on needles for further directions.)

Knit 2, purl 2 forward and back on remaining 90 stitches for 11-12 inches, always slipping first stitch. Cast on 22 stitches loosely to complete face opening, and knit 2, purl 2 for 21-22 inches (adjust stitches by slipping 2 from end of third needle to first needle, making 42 on first needle).

Knit one round plain. Knit 2 stitches together, knit 11, knit 2 stitches together, knit 1. Repeat to end of round. Knit four rows plain. Then



knit two stitches together, knit 9, knit 2 together, knit 1. Repeat to end of round. Knit 4 rows plain. Continue in this way, narrowing on every fifth round and reducing the number of stitches between narrowings by 2 (as 7, 5, 3, etc.) until you have 25 stitches left on needles. Divide on 2 needles, having 14 on first needle and 11 on the other, and finish the same as for the toe of a sock.

SAY LA FOLLETTE MUST QUIT

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 14.—The loyal element of the population of Wisconsin, which is in the overwhelming majority, is preparing to convince Robert M. La Follette that by opposing the war policy of the government, he is misrepresenting and not representing the state in the United States senate.

Petty politics of a partisan character is to be subordinated to straight-out, unalloyed Americanism; the state is to take its place among the leading American thought and patriotic action. Unless the former progressive leader, now depending on the reactionary element in the state, and which for years he bitterly denounced, reforms his ways he is destined to experience the humiliation of a citizen without a state, a statesman without a constituency.

Already he has been rebuked for his failure to reflect the true sentiment of the people who sent him to speak for them in the national legislative councils. The students of the leading educational institutions of the state burned him in effigy only yesterday; his former followers are not only deserting him, but denouncing him, for continuing to sit as their chief representative in Washington.

To Demand His Retirement

They are indignant over his stubborn refusal to resign; they hope and confidently expect the senate itself

will expel him. If he does not lose his seat through either process he will be called upon to face a situation such as has confronted no other man in public life since the Civil war. There is not the slightest question that, at the special session of the legislature which Gov. Whillip soon is to call for some time in January, a joint resolution will be introduced—and from present indications adopted—calling on Mr. La Follette to retire from the senate. He is not expected to comply with either an official or popular demand that he do so, for it is not denied he possesses the courage of his convictions right or wrong.

If this promise is correct the daily rising flood of resentment against him will crystallize shortly into a determined movement to dislodge him in an open fight. The first definite step in this direction will be taken on Tuesday next when the Loyal League of Wisconsin will select a date for its convention at Madison, the state capital, coincident with the convening of the legislature.

Must Declare His Attitude

The promoters of this enterprise propose to make it one of the most notable events of the kind ever held in this country. They will issue a ringing challenge to Mr. La Follette and his sympathizers to step forward and take their places on the side of the United States or on the side of its enemies. Politics will be absolutely discarded and set aside.

The issue will be pro-Americanism or pro-Germanism. There will be no middle ground. This league, called into existence because of the taint imposed on the state by the conduct of Mr. La Follette and his supporters in the congressional delegation—with the exception of Mr. Lenroot, whose Americanism is recognized and applauded everywhere—has but one purpose, the vindication of the state and its citizens.

CONGESTION AT FORT SLOCUM

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The number of United States army volunteers who cannot be accommodated at the recruiting camp at Fort Slocum, near here, became so great today that the board of estimate of the municipality voted the mayor an emergency appropriation of \$5000 to feed and house the recruits.

The arrival of 20 cars loaded with recruits from New England points last night and hundreds from New York city brought the total number of recruits depending on the city for aid to seven or eight thousand, it was estimated today. More were coming in today and the city authorities said that unless some measures were taken by the government to stop the inflow the situation here tomorrow would become hopeless. Inability of the army officers to move recruits away to training camps because of traffic conditions on the railroads is said to be particularly responsible for the congestion.

Thousands of the incoming recruits had to be given shelter last night in the churches of the city, every one of which was crowded to capacity. In the Y.M.C.A. and similar institutions in public buildings, in dance halls and in the homes of private citizens, who are responding generously to the situation.

Many of the men are without funds or extra clothing and are dependent on the kindness of housewives for food. The recruits, however, repaid the hospitality this morning by clearing sidewalks of snow. Never in the history of the city was snow removed from the streets after a storm so quickly as today.

SOLDIER EXPOSES SLACKER PLOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The patriotism of Private Whitestone led him to offer himself for a unique and possibly dangerous medical operation so that the government could find a way of defeating a slacker's scheme. It was said at the office of the director of the draft yesterday that young Whitestone's activeness and pluck may save hundreds of men to the government—men that otherwise might have wriggled out of military service.

Louis Whitestone, 25, is an enlisted man in Medical corps, No. 3. He has been living for some time at the Hotel Parkgrave at 103 West 72nd street. When standing in the lobby the other day he overheard a soft voiced conversation between two men, one of whom it quickly appeared, was a doctor and the other a young man who was none too anxious to put on khaki. The conversation was so engrossing to young Whitestone that he raised his newspaper a little higher so as to hide behind it and edged a few feet closer to the schemers.

Overhears Details of Plot

"I am almost certain to be drafted," said the young man in a tone that revealed fright and desperation. "I don't want to go into the army. I've got to find a way to beat the game—I've just got to!"

"Well, you needn't go crazy about it," the doctor said. "I'll show you there are ways of beating the game so to get permanent exemption. I'm a doctor and I've worked out a scheme that can't fail. It's simple but it so works that by submitting to a simple operation any patient of mine can develop for 24 hours or so the symptoms of Bright's disease and of the army is sure to bar you out of the army."

Whitestone kept listening and heard the doctor explain just what drugs were used in the injections that produce false diseases. He noted down the names of the drugs and the explanation of the method. Then he made tracks for Dr. Alexander Hoffheimer of the Medical corps and told him the situation. Hoffheimer was a forward-looking man. He didn't doubt Whitestone's word, but it was absolutely necessary to know that the injection would produce the results stated before proceeding against fakers and slackers.

"Try it on me," said Whitestone. "I don't mind taking a chance for Uncle Sam."

Dr. Hoffheimer warned the volunteer that the results might be more serious than a mere twenty-four hours duplication of certain symptoms of severe diseases. Whitestone's girl would not be turned aside.

Symptoms Deceive Army Doctors Hoffheimer gave the injections, and in rather less than twenty-four hours the disagreeable symptoms predicted by the unidentified doctor appeared. Then Hoffheimer developed his plan for detailed proof.

He requested Private Whitestone to appear before an army medical staff for examination. The doctors looked him over and said with one accord, "Chuck him out!"

"You're all wrong," said Hoffheimer gleefully. "There isn't a thing the matter with him." And he told the whole story. A little later Draft Director Philip J. McCook in his office in the hall of records gave out this statement from Adj. Gen. Sherrill's office.

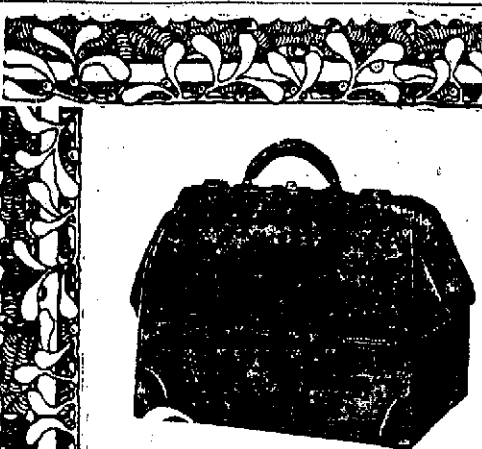
"We received yesterday from Draft Director McCook full information on this subject. The matter was immediately taken up and investigated, and local boards will be warned to be on the alert."

In any event, it is plain that no serious results could happen from such frauds, for under the second draft every registrant must be classified, and must when called submit to a physical examination, no matter whether he had been physically examined previously or not. Any suspicious case like this will be sent whenever disclosed to a medical advisory board as a further check.

Army medical men were not all inclined to believe that no serious fraud could occur from this scheme of slackers. Some of them thought it would be very easy for slackers to work the plan even when called for a second physical examination.

CARTRIDGE CO. GRANTS WAGE INCREASE

Another voluntary increase in wages has been granted the employees of the United States Cartridge company. The first pay under the new schedule will be drawn this week.



UMBRELLAS, \$1 to \$8.50

TRUNKS, \$3.50 to \$18

POCKETBOOKS, 25c to \$9

SERVING TRAYS, The Ideal Gift

TRAVELING BAGS, \$1.25 to \$30

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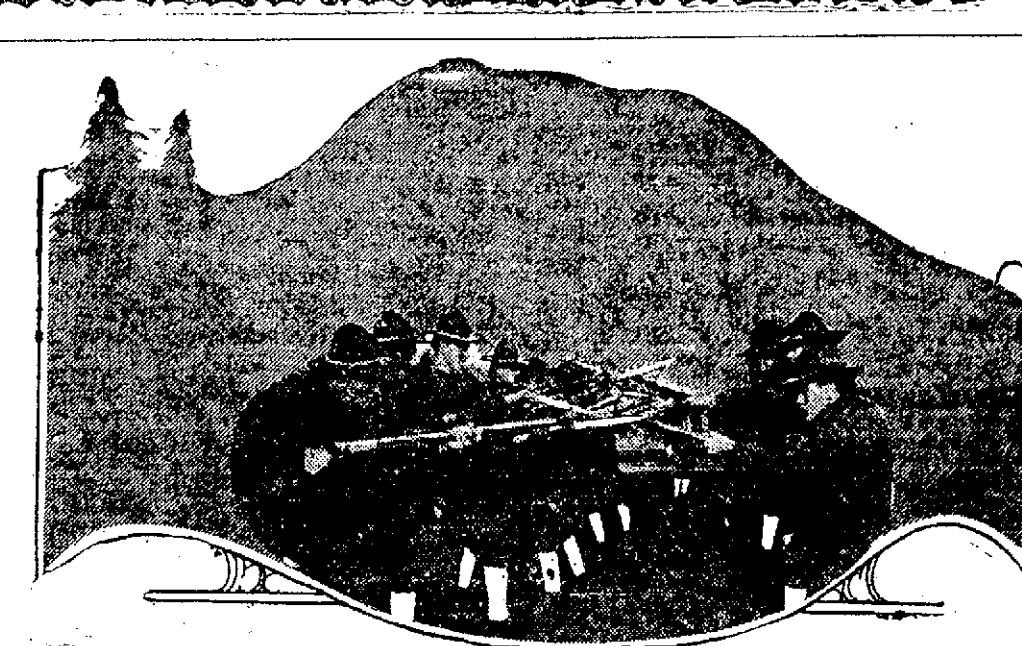
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Here you will find without exception the Largest and Most Reasonably Priced Stock of Umbrellas, Traveling Bags and Pocketbooks Which is Carried in This City.

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WEST COMES OVER TOP POURING RICHES INTO WAR'S LAP
What terrors can French trenches leave for these boys of the west, accustomed to going "over the top" of mountains like Hainaut, in whose shadow nestles gigantic, pulsating Camp Lewis.

Staff Correspondent of The Sun
CAMP LEWIS, near Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 14.—We are coming, Father Abraham, one hundred thousand strong!

Thus the west sends the east greetings and assurances.

It is paying five cents for three cents or over, the fraction below three cents is a loss to the employee. The pay comes to say \$18.75, the employee gets \$18.75, and if the pay amounts to \$18.75, the employee gets \$18.75.

The following notice, which is of importance to both the employees and overseers, was recently posted in the various departments of the plant and official insist that the notice be lived up to by all:

While the company does not wish to interfere with the beautiful custom of gift giving among friends at Christmas time, it does prohibit the presentation of gifts by employees to their overseers and assistant overseers. Such gifts are prone to cause favoritism and favoritism begets jealousy and inefficiency. Therefore, overseers, assistant overseers, foreladies and assistant foreladies are hereby prohibited from receiving gifts at Christmas time or any other time from employees in their charge.

Gerald Cahill, Superintendent.

How deeply is the west in the war! With both feet! Camp Lewis proves it.

White-hot, inspired by closer proximity to the big struggle, been wondering about the west? Have easterners asked, "Why don't they wake up out there?"

Camp Lewis is, I think, the best possible evidence the west is awake.

There have been oversubscribed Liberty loans, immense Red Cross donations, meatless and wheatless days and all the rest.

But this camp is the best test, for in the 40,000 strong, young men training here are centered the hope, pride and ambition of western fathers and mothers. Here the heart of the great west throbs.

The men who came here came with a murmur. And many times their number are waiting, keen for their chance.

This is the result of the west's sobor.

decision to see the nation through to a successful end of the war.

Three months ago Camp Lewis was a seeming confusion of buildings scattered for miles in a vast and pleasant wilderness of over 70,000 acres of pine trees and prairie land.

Then came the call heard 'round the world. Select service men rushed in by the thousands—rough riding cowboys, dapper city men, university graduates, ditch diggers, farmers, clerks, miners.

They came jubilant, singing and shouting. Their trains were plastered with these warnings to Germanism: such as "Berlin or Bust!" They were practically irrepressible as they surged through the entrance.

They knew no more about ways military than a rabbit knows of pinocchio, but today the brave veterans of the first contingents swing through their drill with all the pep of old time troops.

Under the command of Maj. Gen. H. A. Greene and his officers, these westerners have progressed quickly from civilian awkwardness into the precision of a machine. Not only that. The urge of a mighty purpose has unified them into an enthusiastic whole that will not stop at anything.

The "shock" of this spirit electrifies the civilian. It is like the old fashioned

camp meeting enthusiasm. Let every man do his darndest is the idea. "Let's go," the snappy cry heard at games of difficult tasks, is the camp motto. The men are happiest when busiest, whether "polishing" the parade ground for pebbles or shining up for liberty in town.

All this was expressed in the first review—the vast parade ground fringed by pines; under a clear sky of 40,000 men marching—and overtopping the scene, off in the distance, the towering snow dome of Mt. Rainier, jutting skyward more than 14,000 feet, typifying the unconquerable spirit of the west.

The men here have forgotten how to talk anything but army jargon.

They now say: "I want an issue of shoes." Instead of "a pair of shoes." The commanding officer is the "G.O." The first sergeant is a "Top." No more dinner or lunch. It is "mess." The "police" the camp, "police" their clothing and bunk instead of cleaning them. They "take a tour at bunk fatigue" instead of "hitting the hay."

Now that they have caught on to the rudiments every man jack has room in his kit for an officer's uniform.

One man, a university graduate, said to me: "I was rather non-committal when I came. Had decided to make the best of it. But, say, I'm strong for now. I feel bully. Gained ten pounds in two weeks. The men want to make the western army the best in the world."

The camp rebooms with a clatter and bustle that cannot be duplicated in any city of the same size. There is the eternal pop-pop of motorcycles, the chug-chug of heavy trucks, the roar of trains and the hum of all sorts of vehicles, army and civilian. There are many visitors and hundreds of more buying on varied errands.

But there is no foolishness. The men have taken to discipline like ducks to water. The guards are efficient. I know.

I was walking down a company street, the other day, carrying a Kodak and a government permit for it.

A sentry blocked my way. He read my pass. It didn't satisfy him. "I have orders to stop all civilians with cameras," he said, "and I'm taking no chances. Just walk ahead."

I walked. Any argument seems when one is looking at a black military rifle that seems to grow. It seemed to me the eyes of the army were on me. Three blocks, and we stopped before the guard house. The corporal of the guard and then the sergeant came out and finally I was passed.

That sentry was obeying orders and he understood them. Good luck to him. Anyone around here will tell you the camp is the biggest in the nation, the it leads in Liberty bonds and all the sort of thing.

How deeply is the west in the war? did you ask? C. A. CLAY.

CHRISTMAS SALE

At January Mark
Down Prices

- \$40 Suits\$25.00
- \$30 SUITS\$18.75
- \$25 Suits\$14.50
- 50 Odd Suits in all shades, values to \$25. Choice \$12.50
- \$18 Coats\$10.98
- \$25 Coats\$16.75
- \$30 Coats\$20.00
- 65 Odd Coats, all sizes, values to \$27.50. Choice....\$9.75

DRESSES

Serges, poplins, satins, crepe de chine and velvets. Values \$15 to \$25, \$8.98, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00.

200 Serge Poplin Skirts, values to \$8.75. Choice, \$4.50

FURS!

Muffs at\$2.98 to \$30
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Values \$4.50 to \$7.50, \$2.98, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

You can't afford to miss this sale, as you can save enough on each garment to buy your Christmas presents.

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Don't wait for next week, begin today and look here for the "Happy Christmas Suggestion." Our shop is full of "Gift Things." Our salespeople delighted to show you.

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Nine Women Out of Every Ten Wear Them.
We have them in flesh and white, daintily trimmed with lace, silk and lace, and all lace, ranging in price from, 50c to \$3.00

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Corset Covers—All lace trimmed25c to \$1.00
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Very handsome styles\$1.50 to \$2.00
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Aprons for every use, from the Work Apron to the Fancy Dainty Tea Apron for waitresses, nurses and maids.

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PIN TUMBLERS BUSY
ON LOCAL ALLEYS

Following are the results of games rolled last night in the City league:

CRESCENTS			
Jewett	97	96	91
Concannon	98	106	99
Johnson	97	97	98
Lebrun	103	93	90
Kelley	98	98	119

Three points.

WHITE WAYS			
Brigham	85	84	84
Sennett	87	84	84
Griffin	88	85	86
Bernadini	93	97	102
Devadine	96	107	122

One point.

MIDDLESEX			
Ferrin	109	112	93
Mcoulton	106	100	89
Burns	106	100	89
O'Brien	100	89	116
Estes	120	120	106

Four points.

KIMBALLS			
Dooley	93	96	101
Kimball	79	91	74
Myrick	123	101	100
Whipple	100	80	86
Jedoin	97	92	101

No points.

QUINNS			
Quinn	83	74	85
Marsden	89	78	91
Bram	106	88	102
McNeil	101	94	97
Holmes	105	110	102

Three points.

CARRS			
Burke	92	100	87
Rees	86	81	95
Cohen	91	90	105
Dorough	82	87	99
Murphy	101	98	91

One point.

HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS			
Cole	119	91	112
Hall	83	110	85
McGovern	113	83	121
Lwyer	94	125	115

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Rempton 87 86 79 249

487 496 510 1493

Four points.

Merrimacks forfeited four points to the Daylight team on account of not having team.

SPINDLE CITY

Bosquet	90	85	79
Baril	76	88	102
Hebert	78	95	89
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Totals 428 466 459 1333

One point.

JEWELS			
Grew	76	82	79
Brault	86	110	87
Charrois	87	88	75
Spanos	101	83	101
Veros	100	95	87

Totals 440 478 429 1317

Three points.

Merrimacks and Quinns

This is the result of the game between Merrimacks and Quinns postponed from Tuesday.

QUINNS			
Quinn	85	85	91
Small	83	83	85
Braun	111	85	91
McNeil	87	108	92
Holmes	107	88	112

Totals 465 464 477 1392

Three points.

MERRIMACKS			
Savage	85	77	88
Casey	91	105	81
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six-mile race. The Lowell boy will start at scratch while the first of the opposing team will be given a three-lap handicap. The latter may be relayed at will by his two team mates, each relay to be made with a flying start. To win Nebes must gain the three laps and be leading at the finish. This is quite an accomplishment, but the Lowell flyer feels confident that he will cross the tape in the lead. He has trained carefully for the match, and if unsuccessful will have no ally to cheer. This will be Nebes' first race of the season out of town, and if he wins he has several other races in view.

LOWELL TRIMMED BY BRUCTION, 9 TO 4

AM. POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	8	5	61.5
Worcester	8	5	61.5
Taunton	6	8	58.0
Brookton	6	8	58.0
Providence	4	4	36.4
Lawrence	4	9	30.8

BROCKTON, Dec. 14.—Brockton easily triumphed Lowell in a one-sided polo game at the Palace rink last night, 9 to 4. Red Williams and Hart, Brockton's speedy offensive pair, advanced the ball into Lowell territory repeatedly by passing and fast skating. Williams, as usual, was the star of the game for Brockton. He followed the ball like a hound and started most of the Brockton plays. Hart paired with him well. Harkins and Griffith played well. Harkins flashed through the Brockton team a few times by fast skating. Griffith followed the "invaders" and they are going to be a target for the net. The score:

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In the rush work of preparing for war, do not neglect the little children. Do not let them suffer from cold or hunger or lack of a sufficiency of the food they require.

Just what resulted in such a sweeping license victory is not entirely clear. Nor is the paradoxical claim quite conclusive that the strongest argument for no license brought the most votes to the license column. There is plenty of time between now and December, 1918, to figure out how it all happened.

As the Bay State Street Railway Company has gone into the hands of a receiver by petition of the company it is on the financial operating table so to speak. The slump in the securities of this and other companies similarly situated has been a great source of loss to many investors who put their money into the stock with the hope of getting liberal dividends. Most of them would now be glad to get their money back, but they never will.

RUSSIANS NOT BUILDERS

One of the easiest things man does is to stand on a soap-box and build out of hot-air a state. He can take money from the rich and give it to the poor. He can abolish capitalism with a few ringing sentences, and lift poor humanity from the street and dump it right into peace, comfort and luxury. He can yank the mighty from their thrones and hurl them headlong into oblivion.

Such is the wonderful power of imagination and oratory. The only trouble is that when the eloquent orator gets a chance to perform he has a Dickens of a time in making his dreams come true.

Old human nature is so perverse and stupid that it won't move any faster than it can move en masse, and can't evolve as fast as its dreamers can dream.

The Lenins and Trozkys were loaded to the muzzle with dreams, and very pretty dreams at that. They dreamed a farm to every Russian peasant. They dreamed democracy to all the world, and all any nation needed was a few Lenins and Trozkys to boss the job and bump the head of every blamed Bolshevik who wouldn't be just as democratic as he was ordered to be.

They wanted to free poor Russia from autocracy, even if they had to cut-car the czar to do it. They wanted every Russian to do as he pleased, but jailed him if he didn't please as Lenin and Trozky pleased while Lenin and Trozky did as the Kaiser pleased.

Poor Russia is drunk on dreams, and has an awful headache coming. But the world will profit by her experience. The one thing that is certain in the near future is the awful failure of the Bolshevik utopia. Then the world will think several times before, elsewhere, it turns over the building of a democratic state to lung-testing wind-jammers who never built anything more substantial than a bad dream or a burst of soap-box oratory.

After all, experience counts for something. Democrats can be built only by laying one brick at a time. Dreamers may point the way; they may dream the plan—but even the plodders must do their part of the work before the dream comes true.

NOW FOR A NEW CHARTER

The election of Tuesday was scarcely worth while, considering the small number of candidates. Five men were chosen from twice as many candidates and in addition the voters passed judgment on the question of license or no license. The counters had very little to do and were quickly through with the job of canvassing the ballots after the polls closed.

There would have been much greater interest if there had been 30 candidates from whom to select 15 commissioners in addition to the two or three from whom to choose a mayor.

At the next city election we may be voting under a new charter, electing one alderman from each ward and six nominated at large, all to be voted for by the entire city.

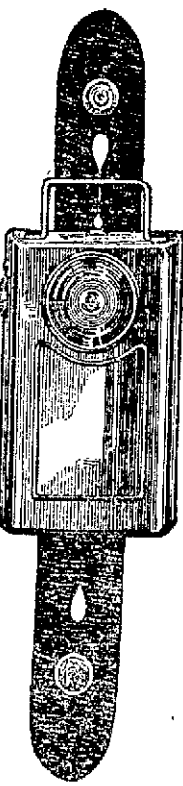
The cities that have tried out the small commission form of government have found it a great disappointment and they are glad to be rid of it. It has proved a veritable humbug in the city of Lowell as well as in Lynn and elsewhere. The number of members is but one-third of what it should be; three members constitute a majority of the council, and if they vote to sell city hall, the mayor cannot stop them. Thus every city under this form of government is in danger of being robbed or saddled with unnecessary debt by the majority of the municipal council. Against such a contingency there is absolutely no protection and there will be none until we get a new charter. There is a recall provision but it is so impractical as to be of little or no use except in very extreme cases.

The mayor of a city like Lowell should be vested with executive powers becoming the executive of a respectable city, but under our present charter the mayor is merely a member of the municipal council and can be overruled by the three members who happen to unite as a ruling majority, or triumvirate, if you will.

That is not as it should be. The mayor should possess the power of veto over the acts of the council as a protection against unwise or hasty action by that body. This is a check that would protect the city against such hasty action as was taken in awarding the Bartlett school contract when one of the commissioners admitted publicly that he voted for the contract to save a contractor who had purchased material in anticipation of getting the contract.

Why should any contractor purchase material in anticipation of getting the contract before the bids were called for? And even if he had done so, why should this fact influence the vote of any commissioner in deciding whether an important building project should be entered upon then or at some future period? If there had

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been fifteen members in the council or if eight ruled instead of three, could anything of that kind happen? We believe not.

This is but one of many cases that might be cited to show the shortcomings of the present charter and the need of a larger body which would undoubtedly have a greater proportion of representative men.

The \$2500 salary is the chief reason why prominent business men will not run for the municipal council. They would not enter into a scrap for the salary although they would be proud to go in and give their services free of charge. For that reason there should be either a nominal salary or none at all.

The members of the council would not be required to give all their time to the city's business. One meeting a week under ordinary circumstances would be sufficient. The heads of departments should be held accountable to the council and subject to suspension by the mayor.

The fiasco of having commissioners usurp the function of the heads of departments although knowing little technically of the business, has already done the city very serious damage. Another absurdity is, that under the present charter, the commissioners who direct the expenditure of the city's money, have the sole decision as to what will be the amount of their appropriations and how it will be spent.

That is contrary to custom in all well regulated city governments. It is undoubtedly a fact that with a new charter such as we have here outlined, the city can get more for its money than under present conditions. That is why the movement for a change in the charter should be taken up by every ward in the city and pushed to a referendum at the next state election so that our municipal election in 1918 may be held under the new charter.

SEEN AND HEARD

In choosing a wife, young man, use your ears as well as your eyes.

The only excuse for saying that the young girl with a dimple soon becomes the woman with the wrinkle is because we insist upon telling the truth.

Try This on Your Ukulele
With our altruistic disposition to benefit linotypers and proofreaders, and not leave them alone with gloomy thoughts, we dangle before them in our little sunbeam way the glad announcement of the marriage in Clearfield, Penn., of Simonchizovetski Agonstikivatskiko and Sventrevitaskaska Divanovstevatskiko. —Pittsburg Post.

No Luck in That Horseshoe
Good luck no longer rests in horseshoes, especially the floral kind, according to what happened to Frederick A. Tolhurst, inventor and art collector of New York.
Some "friends," who later turned out to be detectives, visited his apartment recently to surprise him. They carried out their purpose, according to Tolhurst, who says they gained admission by showing a floral horseshoe.

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and surprised Tolhurst to the extent of finding a young woman in negligee in the apartment. Tolhurst was nattily attired in pajamas. Mrs. Tolhurst was given \$50 a week alimony by the justice to whom she spoke about it.

The Average Man
I'm just as well and hearty as it's possible to be.
There's not a fellow of my age that's healthier than me.
I'm strong and sound in wind and limb. I have an appetite.
That anyone might envy, and I sleep well every night.
I smoke, of course, and drink a little, do not exercise.
And read in bed, which doctors say is hard upon the eyes.
But doctors don't know everything. It frequently appears—
Just look at me—as well and strong as one of half my years!

I find that smoking calms my nerves —they're always on the blink.
The morning after I have had a bit to much to drink;
I find that drinking steadies me—and the morning after I have smoked a little bit too much;
The doctor says I should play golf—I can't persuade the chap.
That one who eats as much as I should have his daily nap;
He makes a lot of fuss about my little trifling ills.
Which I can always regulate with Bunkem's Liver Pills.

These fits of indigestion some fine day will take me off—
To hear him talk! He frowns about this little chronic cough;
He says my headache medicine has lurking danger in it—
Then let him make a better one—this cures me in a minute!
A lot the doctors know! My partner died last Saturday.
And no one thought him very sick, till he had passed away.
Some hidden weakness I suppose it was—but, anyhow,
If he'd been careful of himself, like me, he'd be here now!

—Ted Robinson, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bidders Wouldn't Bite
A friend tells the Rockland Standard's Roamer that he attended an auction in Lowell a few days ago and C. O. Davis, the live auctioneer, brought out a small package and said it was

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Fresh lots (just received) of Foley's Honey and Tar are selling at before-the-war prices. This puts a well known cough medicine, ready to use, in homes at less than it costs to buy, and mix the ingredients yourself, and save both time and money. Mrs. Mary Kishy, 533 Princeton ave., Spokane, Wash., writes: "I was sick in bed with laryngitis. I coughed very badly. I took Foley's Honey and Tar. It stopped my cough and I got better. So now I am around the house again." Fells & Burkhaw, 415 Middlesex st., Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central st.



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Between December 17 and 24

Everyone knows at least something of the great work being done by the American Red Cross—an all-American largely volunteer organization, devoted to Practical Humanitarian Service in Peace and in War. New England's quota is One Million Members, plus Five Hundred Thousand already enrolled here.

In no other way can you make a dollar work so hard or so efficiently for humanity as by joining the Red Cross during the Christmas Membership Campaign, December 17 to 24. Not all of us can go to the trenches, not all of us can do active duty here, but everyone can, and should, JOIN.

They also serve who join the Great Red Cross

sugar. Everybody laughed, but Davis insisted that it was. He said that it weighed two pounds and tried and tried to get him out of the package, but all that was bid was five cents and finally it was sold at that price. When the purchaser opened the package and found it really was sugar there was almost a riot. Later at the same auction Davis brought out another package weighing one pound and said it was sugar. He got 35 cents bid for it and sold it.

What is the Fare?

According to a Taunton correspondent who insists in spite of the many letters that we have written him asking him for the use of his name to remain hidden, writes us that once upon a time the People's Home Journal printed a piece which ran about as follows:

An old lady, unfamiliar with city life, in response to a conductor's "Fare, please," asked: "What is the fare?" to which his excellency replied: "The fare is the tariff, or tax, levied by the corporation owning and controlling the charter and franchise of this street railway company upon those persons who desire to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by the company to secure more rapid and agreeable transportation than furnished by pedal locomotion." Again she gasped: "What is the fare?" —Bay State Triangle Talks.

Strike Involves Limburger Brigade

Frankfurters young, Frankfurters old, Frankfurters in the pot.

Gold, cold, cold.
This was the new battle cry of the New York Delicatessen Clerks' union, invented in anticipation of the great frankfurter and bologna strike that is due to descend upon the city this week. With members determined in his eye Joseph Brodsky, the famous delicatessen organizer, announced the appointment of a strike committee which will be responsible for the calling out of 10,000 cheese and bologna clerks who daily serve out the Limburger without the aid of gas masks.

"No more hot dishes will be served from delicatessen stores," declared Mr. Brodsky. "It is not enough—I mean it is not enough—that people should help us out on the strike by cooking their own bolognas."

Interpreted this means that the kitchen workers in the delicatessen stores will be asked to strike as well as the clerks and kitchen workers being the human individuals who boil frankfurters, heat corned beef and cabbage and live all their lives in mysterious back rooms amidst noxious odors.

neglect of the pork and beans pots that will result from the walkout. For years thousands upon thousands of the city's population have been prone to forge on Sunday suppers of "hot ham and—" "beer and—" "pork and—" according to taste and race. This favorite hot dish has always been procurable in the delicatessen store by the housewives who planned to take one evening's rest off at home and let "the Dutchman on the corner" do the cooking.

Now, if all the delicatessen stores small enough to exclude dust and are closed by a great walkout of clerks' drafts,

and cooks, thousands are woefully anticipating frankfurterless Mondays, beanless Sundays, not to mention limburgerless weekdies.

Mr. Brodsky said all the workers wanted was a 10-hour day and a slight increase in wages. Only ten hours a day! Ah! These delicatesseners the loafers?

A porous glass for ventilation is being made in France, the holes being are closed by a great walkout of clerks' drafts.



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FEDERAL PROTECTION OF MOTHERHOOD

WASHINGTON, Dec.—A plan for enabling every American mother to have the care she needs when her baby is born is proposed by Miss Julia C. Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau of the U. S. department of labor, in her fifth annual report made public recently. Through federal grants like those made for agricultural extension in this country, Miss Lathrop suggests that the state and federal governments could combine in the United States to make accessible and available to every mother the care she needs for herself and her children.

Headaches

come mostly from disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. Regulate these organs and keep free from headaches by using

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Meigs of the children's bureau has shown in her study of maternal mortality at least 15,000 American mothers die each year from causes connected with child-bearing.

Realizing what the ill health and suffering which lie behind this startling figure mean to the home and to the child's wellbeing, the children's bureau, in trying to find out why babies die, has sought the reasons for this great waste of mothers' lives. The bureau reports a great lack of facilities for caring for mothers in the United States.

In the great western grazing states a mother often cannot get the care of a doctor or nurse when her baby is born; perhaps the nearest physician lives 55 miles away. In older parts of the country the same inaccessibility of skilled care prevails; it suggests why, although the infant death rate is greater than the female throughout life, rural women between 20 and 45 die at a rate nearly equal to that of country men.

Better care for mothers, with government aid to local authorities and agencies, has been part of Great Britain's war program; she has achieved for 1916 her lowest infant mortality rate. The government of New Zealand whose infant mortality rate is scarcely half that of the United States, has for several years afforded to New Zealand mothers care at childbirth.

If the lives and wellbeing of mothers and babies in the United States are to be protected, Miss Lathrop believes that public health nurses must be maintained to show the mother miles out in the country and the mother in the crowded tenement how to care for herself and her children. Schools and universities should offer instruction covering the field of hygiene for mothers and children, for persons of varying ages and circumstances.

At a convenient centre it should be possible to secure examination of well children and expert advice as to their best development. Adequate confinement care should be available. Hos-



Mothers Thank Us

Keep your growing girls free from colds and weakening coughs and you are helping them to healthy vigorous womanhood.

Thousands of mothers have written letters of thanks, telling what

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has done for their daughters in ridding them of coughs that "hung on" and weakened them just at the age when the young girls required all the physical strength they could command.

Foley's Honey and Tar is noted for its quick effect on coughs, colds and croup. Mrs. Ada Sanders, Cottontown, Tenn., writes: "We use Foley's Honey and Tar as our best and only cough remedy. It never fails to cure our little girls when they have coughs."

Falls & Burckshaw, 418 Middlesex St., Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central St.

STRAIGHT 5 CENT CAR FARE IN FALL RIVER

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The action of the public service commission in authorizing the Bay State Street Railway company to discontinue the sale of tickets, for use within the city limits of Fall River, at six rides for 25c and charge instead a straight five-cent fare, was upheld yesterday by the supreme court. The court dismissed a petition from the city of Fall River asking that the commission's decision be reviewed.

The petition cited an agreement entered into by the city of Fall River and the Bay State Street Railway company, of which the Bay State is the successor, to sell tickets at the reduced rate. The court ruled that subsequent statutes had empowered the public service commission to exercise sound discretion based on evidence of the company's financial condition and ability to serve the public.

It has been estimated that the abolition of the six-ride tickets in Fall River will increase the Bay State company's income about \$35,000 to \$50,000 annually.

SPECIAL WIRELESS FOR THE VATICAN

MILAN, Dec. 14.—The establishment of a wireless station on the dome of St. Peter's at Rome has been suggested to the Vatican so that it may secure independent transmission of foreign messages of diplomatic character in code and also receive confidential and reliable reports from the Vatican's representatives abroad. The question of speed is laid aside since at the present time wire communication from France and England consumes 24 hours while much longer is required to receive messages and news from the United States.

While the Vatican has not complained to the Italian government regarding telegraphic communication it is assumed that the censor uses ordinary precautions. During the war the majority of the confidential messages from the pope or Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, have been sent by special courier. Lesser messages have been sent by mail.

The wireless would have the advantage of dealing with Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Russia. The Vatican never has been able to rely upon newspaper reports for quick news. As to German and Russian news it has not been certain how much has been left out or how much has been doctored.

The Italian government is not likely to raise decided objections because the Vatican never has paid tolls on its messages. The proposed wireless would relieve the heavy pressure on existing ordinary lines.

\$75,000 LOSS BY FIRE AT POULTNEY, VT.

POULTNEY, Vt., Dec. 14.—Three buildings in the business section of this town were destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, the loss being estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The fire started in the building owned by John Tomassi and occupied by him on the first floor as a fruit store. The cause is unknown. On the ground floor were also the jewelry store of Morris Carlton and the market of Davis and Newton. The structure was three and a half stories in height, there being several tenants upstairs.

The fire then spread to the E. M. Bixby block, occupied by J. B. Drew, druggist, and Charles Loukes, living on the second floor, and to the Horton block, occupied by the owner, A. E. Horton, as a hardware store, and on the second floor by Dr. J. J. Derven and family.

The Humphrey block, a cement building, was badly damaged by warping. This was occupied by the Poulney Journal printing plant, the post-office, the Wilson Clothing company and the Direct Importing Tea company.

Warren Parker, a fireman, fell from a railing, striking on a barrel and breaking several ribs.

The Horton Hardware company's loss is \$25,000, insurance \$50,000; Davis & Newton \$20,000, insurance \$800; J. B.

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Drew, \$5000, insurance \$1000; Merritt Carlton \$500, insurance \$1000; J. To-massi \$25,000, partly insured; B. M. Bixby \$6000, partly insured.

BOSTON SCHOOLS TO HELP DRAFT BOARDS

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—In response to the request of Provost Marshal General Crowder, the Boston school committee, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, authorized Supt. of Schools Franklin B. Dyer for the schools to give clerical assistance to the draft boards.

Gen. Crowder has requested that the teachers give their services after school hours to assist the boards in clerical work. The school committee yesterday issued an appeal to teachers and pupils to volunteer their services.

Pupils who volunteer for draft work are to be excused from school attendance for as many hours as Supt. Dyer deems advisable.

The board voted that the same general plan of co-operation between the

Boston school committee and the Massachusetts committee on public safety, observed during 1917, in regard to farm service by high school boys be renewed for 1918. The board also agreed to release from school work as many high school instructors as Supt. Dyer may deem expedient to supervise this farm service, without change in rank or salary, during May, June and September, 1918.

The masters of elementary districts and the headmasters of high schools were authorized by the board to co-operate, outside of school hours, with representatives of the Greater Boston council, Boy Scouts of America, in the organization and encouragement of troops of Boy Scouts and patrols among their pupils.

Leaves of absence for military service were granted to the following teachers: Walter F. Connolly of the Boston Trade school, Edward J. McCarthy of the High School of commerce, John L. Mayor of the George Putnam district, and John J. Boyan of the Continuation school.

A request was received from the Boston Teachers' club that Miss Margaret T. Dooley of the Connelly school, in the Martin-Comins district, be granted the rank and salary of sub-master. The club cites the facts that Miss Dooley is in charge of the main building in a consolidated district and performs all the administrative and

executive duties concerning the management of a building with 19 rooms and eight grades.

The board received a letter signed by Capt. Frank Anselmo of the English High School life team, accompanied by petitions from the English High, Latin High and West Roxbury High schools, requesting that small appropriations be made for the purpose of instructing the boys of these schools in rifle practice. Both these requests were taken under consideration.

The board announced that after Jan. 1 courses in the Trade School for girls, after regular day school hours, will be styled trade extension courses, instead of evening classes, as now.

The six leading cities of Japan are Tokio, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Kioto and Nagoya. Of these Yokohama has 6122 foreign residents; Kobe, 3992; Tokio, 2419, and Nagoya, 90.

GOULD NOW A SERGEANT
CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Dec. 14.—Kingdon Gould won his second promotion in the national army yesterday when he was made a sergeant and attached to the Intelligence office as a division interpreter. He has studied several languages.

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AMERICAN TROOPS IN THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES



FACE TO FACE WITH THE BOCHES!

These two husky Sammies face to face with the Boches at a listening post right out on the edge of No Man's Land are watching with interest the movements of French airplanes which are scouting over the Boches' lines. Note that the rifle is ready for quick use, too. "On the western front in France" is the only location the government will permit just yet.



"ARE WE DOWNHEARTED? NO!"

And here is another group of Pershing's Sammies holding a front line trench separated from the Germans only by a narrow, shell-pocked strip. Worried? No! You wouldn't call them "down-hearted" after glancing at those grins, would you? These are some of the Sammies who have been in action several times, and possibly even this small group includes some of those who were the first American soldiers to lay down their lives on the battlefield for the cause of freedom.



HE'S THE AIR GUNN OF THE CHINESE ARMY

They used to "kid" him unmercifully in California a few years ago when he started making wobbly flights in a crazy airplane, dubbing him the "Yellow Peril" in mild derision. Today Tom Gunn is back in the United States as the premier Chinese aviator with a commission to purchase a raft of aeroplanes for the Celestial army. Tom recently took a flight into matrimony, too, and claims he made an altitude record when he won Little Tong, one of San Francisco Chinatown's beauties shown with him in the picture. While teaching aviation in China, Gunn weathered three administrations, changes, although a price was once put upon his handsome head and he narrowly escaped death many times. The Kaiser may yet discover more truth than poetry in Tom Gunn as the "Yellow Peril."

THOMAS DELMORE GOES TO FORT SLOCUM

Thomas A. Delmore, for the past several years employed in the boys department of the Talbot Clothing Co. and well known in local musical circles, has elected to do his bit for Uncle Sam and on Wednesday left Lowell for Fort Slocum as an embryo member of the quartermaster's department of the Regular army. From Fort Slocum Mr. Delmore expects to be transferred to Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Delmore is well known in this city and especially in St. Patrick's parish. He had achieved no mean reputation as a singer and had given pleasure at many local concerts. Mr. Delmore has been succeeded at the Talbot store by William J. Madden, another well known young man. Mr. Madden had formerly been with the Merrimack Clothing Co. Recently he gave up his position in the latter place to accept another one with the quartermaster's department at Governors Island, N. Y. He later resigned this, however, and is now with the Talbot company.

DRIVERS OF SLEIGHS OR NEDS who have not got the jingle bells attached to either the harness on the horse or horse or on the vehicle are liable

to be brought into court, according to what Supt. Welch told a representative of The Sun this morning. The superintendent believes it to be a very opportune time to remind drivers of sleighs and sleds that according to chapter 54, section 3 of the revised laws, it is compulsory to have at least three bells attached to either the harness on the horse or the sleigh. More runaways occur in the winter than at any other time during the year, caused either by a horse becoming frightened by snowdrifts, the overturning of a sleigh or some other reason. A frightened horse dashing through the streets is endangering the life and limb of pedestrians, whether they be on the sidewalk or passing over a crosswalk. If the horse or vehicle is equipped with bells there is a warning, but if the bells are absent the pedestrian is given no signal of the approaching danger. According to the law, the penalty is that a fine of not more than \$20 can be imposed and that the owner of the vehicle is liable to prosecution commencing within 12 months of any damage caused. Don't forget to shovel the snow from your sidewalk or you are liable to be haled into court and may be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20. According to section 24 of chapter 33 of the city ordinance a tenant, occupant or some person must remove the snow, and if unoccupied the owner, agent or other authorized person must remove the snow from the sidewalk in front of the premises. If the snow ceases during the day, four hours of the time it stops falling, and if in the night time it must be removed at noon on the day succeeding.

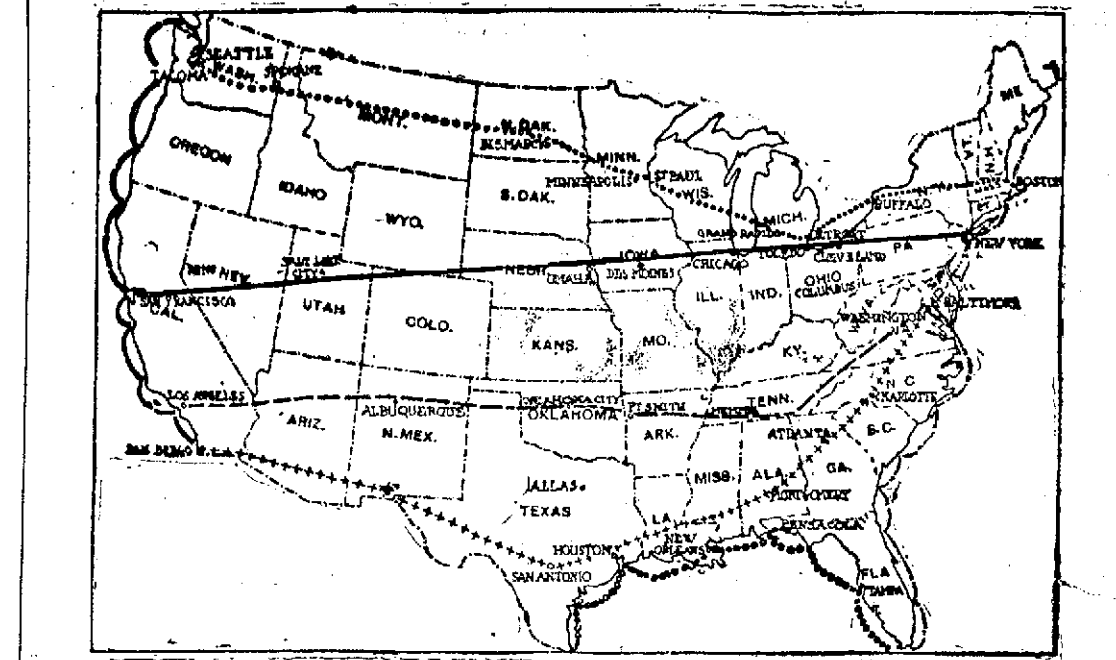
Now that coasting is in order, people, especially children, should be careful about using their sleds on the sidewalks or streets, for section 25 or chapter 33 of the city ordinance states that there shall be no coasting upon streets or sidewalks excepting those streets designated by the mayor or superintendent of police. At different times during the winter certain streets are set aside as coasting places, but otherwise the people who do coasting are liable to arrest.

GEN. PERSHING REPORTS DEATH OF 5 AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Gen. Pershing today reported to the war department the following deaths: First Lieut. George M. Anderton, engineers, Dec. 9, on board United States transport; tubercular meningitis, home Alexandria, Va. Sergt. Paul Jordan, Lavonia, Ga., quartermaster corps, Dec. 16, motorcycle accident. Private Harold Warner, marines, Dec. 9, pneumonia, address not given. Able seaman Jan Jendrix Braaflart, U.S.S. Hereward, Dec. 11, labor pneumonia, address not given. Private Maurice L. Capron, Nashua, Minn., coast artillery corps, Dec. 9, natural causes.

SOLIDARITY OF MOTHERS That the mothers of the country will stand together and be a source of strength to each other is the statement made by Dr. Kate Waller Barrett of the Mother's congress. She insists that the American mother must help the foreign-born American mother to understand the reasons for the war. The foreign mother cannot support her boy at the front unless she understands what he is fighting for. Says Dr. Barrett, chairman of the Immigration committee of the National Council of women, "The foreign mother in America, unable to understand English, has come to this country to be at peace, and she is left in a chaotic state when her sons are drafted to fight for their new country. She cannot read the newspapers, or talk to American women, except through her children as interpreters. As she cannot understand the reasons for this war, she becomes rebellious, and her feeling is communicated to her son in the training camp. She must be educated in the causes of the war." Dr. Barrett urges American mothers

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THIS CHART SHOWS THE PROPOSED NEW AIRWAYS OF THE UNITED STATES

Special to The Sun
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Airways promise to be common in the United States by next spring. Fast airplanes, naval, military and postal, skyrocketing along regular routes will be familiar sights. United States will have 22,500 airplanes by next August. The chart of the proposed airways, with their branch connections will look like the wide curves on the daily weather map. To get prompt action in establishing a chain of landing stations for airplanes across the continent, the Aero Club of America has invited 3000 cities and towns to be touched by the proposed trans-continental and coastal airways to send delegates to the second annual aeronautic congress in New York next February when the scheme will be discussed. Owing to the lack of established landing places which would enable

an aviator to land almost anywhere in case of motor trouble, United States military fliers cannot at present, he taught cross-country and night flying and cruising. This experience is absolutely necessary to the military aviator whether he is to be employed in dropping bombs, scouting or taking photographs. These landing places can also be used by the postoffice as aerodromes for the mail carriers. The duties of an aerial mail carrier will necessitate much overland flying day and night and the dropping of mail bags, duties similar to those of the service fliers engaged in bombing. Therefore it is suggested that the postoffice can, while transporting mail faster, form a large reserve of trained aviators which could be taken over by the army and navy in case of need. The Postal Air service would thus become a practical training field for bombing aviators. The four transcontinental airways

and three coastal airways proposed are as follows: Woodrow Wilson airway—New York to San Francisco via Cleveland, Toledo and Chicago. Wright Brothers airway—Washington to San Diego via N. Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Langley airway—Washington to Los Angeles. Chanute and Bell airway—Boston to Seattle via Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Erie, Buffalo, Detroit, Bismarck, (N. Dak.) and Great Falls (Mont.). Atlantic airway—Bangor (Me.) to Key West touching at every important city on the coast. Gulf airway—Key West to mouth of the Rio Grande following the coast and touching at important cities. Pacific airway—San Diego to Puget sound, following the coast with stops at important points. J. HERBERT DUCKWORTH.

to feel a solidarity with the Americanized mother of other nations. "The soldier is dependent upon the feeling in his home for his own attitude of mind." She says. "The mother's congress is doing a great work by holding meetings in many cities, to explain war measures, and develop the patriotism of the bewildered foreign women. We mothers must stand together."

"VIVA AMERICA! VIVA WILSON!" CRY ITALIANS IN PARLIAMENT

ROME, Dec. 14.—There was a great demonstration in parliament when Premier Orlando mentioned America's declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. The whole house rose and applauded and was joined by the public in the galleries in crying "Viva America! Viva Wilson!" The manifestation lasted five minutes and the deputies and senators turned toward the diplomatic gallery where American Ambassador Page was sitting. The demonstration was renewed shortly afterward when the premier mentioned the American Red Cross and was repeated again when his remarks concerning America were concluded.

GIRLS OF EXTENSION AND GYMNASIUM DEPARTMENTS OF Y.W.C.A. WILL HELP

The girls of the extension and gymnasium departments of the Y.W.C.A. are to do their bit for the soldier boys of Camp Devens who visit Lowell on Saturdays and tomorrow will see the first entertainment for the boys in olive drab. A musical program will be carried out by the girls in the assembly hall of the Y.W.C.A. building, in John street beginning at 7.45 tomorrow evening. An excellent program has been arranged and every man in uniform is invited to attend and be the guests of the young ladies. The entertainment is a luncheon will be served. It is planned to make the affair wholly informal and the boys themselves will be asked to take part in the entertainment. A number of the boys at Ayer have signified their intention of being present on Saturday evening and if the affair is a success this week it will be continued every week. Miss Annie Hodgkins is the secretary of the extension department of the association and Miss Florence Foster of the gymnasium department. The affair will be under the auspices of these two departments with the secretaries in supervision.

LAWYERS HELP DRAFT BOARDS, BUT INTERFERE WITH WORKINGS OF COURTS

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The widespread response made by lawyers to the call for service on legal draft advisory boards has resulted in considerable interference with the workings of the courts in Massachusetts. At a calling of the superior court list for Suffolk county this week it was found that out of more than 700 cases, counsel would be ready to go on during the coming week less than 100. Similar difficulties are anticipated in every county in the state. The absence of lawyers also will affect the disposition of cases pending before the supreme court and the various municipal courts. A mass meeting of the 550 members of the legal advisory board from Boston districts was held today to consider means for furnishing legal assistance to drafted men.

HORSE WENT OVER 20-FOOT EMBANKMENT AND BROKE THROUGH ICE

A horse owned by Ogeda Gignac, hitched to a delivery wagon owned by the Grand Union Tea Co., went over the Grand Union embankment into the Merrimack river yesterday afternoon, but fortunately the animal was not injured, while the wagon and contents suffered little damage. A fireman at the clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Gignac left his horse standing in Martin street at Rosemont terrace and went into a house. When he came out he could not locate the horse and after an investigation he found that the horse had wandered away and had gone over a 20-foot embankment into the river. The horse had crashed through the thin ice into the shallow water, while the wagon was overturned and its contents spilled on the ice. A bill was summoned and after considerable work on the part of at least a dozen men the horse and wagon were brought back on the road.

\$28,000 FUND FOR CAMPS
CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The athletic funds of Camp Grant at Rockford, Ill., and Camp Center at Battle Creek, Mich., were increased today by \$14,000, each camp's share of the gate receipts of the recent Center-Grant football game. The profit from the game was \$4,324. Until it is determined whether a war tax must be paid, only \$28,000 will be divided.



BOY KNITTING CHAMPS NOT SISTERS

They'd rather knit wristlets for shivering soldiers at the front than make a touch down or be shinier champion—and they're not sisters, either. Mother and sister smiled tolerantly when Frank Dewey and Cook Paulkner, 11-year-olds, first tackled the stitching implements, and "the gang" simply roared itself into spasms. But today Dewey and Cook are champ boy knitters of Alameda, California, and all the children in the city's public schools have followed suit as members of the Junior red Cross society. The boy pioneers have long since put mother and sister in the "also ran" class when it comes to speed and quality.

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BAY STATE RELIEF UNIT LEAVES HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—With the relief situation so well in hand that its services no longer were required, the Massachusetts unit first on the ground here after the great fire and explosion, went home today. The departure of the delegation, members of the general committee declared, meant that the city of Halifax, profiting by its help and its counsel was prepared now to handle its own problem.

This is evident throughout the city. Each passing day has seen great progress made. The continued cold, however, has retarded work in the strip of territory laid bare by the blast of a munition ship and it will be days, perhaps, before the snow has thawed sufficiently to enable soldiers and workmen to drag the ruins for bodies known to be there. The task of cleaning, marking and rebuilding the homes in a two and a half square mile area hardly can be accomplished in a year. It is believed by the committee directing that activity.

Public Funeral Postponed

The big public funeral service planned for today was postponed until Monday because of the difficulty of opening graves. After the burial of the dead from the fire zone Camp Hill cemetery, where the hundreds of the dead from the Titanic and the Bourgogne, will be filled and closed.

Will Not Celebrate Christmas

Perhaps the most touching aftermath of the disaster is the fear generally experienced by citizens today that for the first time in its history Halifax this year will not celebrate Christmas. The dealers have abandoned all plans for the holiday rush. The store buildings are dark within and only those familiar with the layout of the town are able to locate without difficulty shops of landmark type.

Christmas For the Destitute

Business virtually was suspended for days, only those establishments supplying food and clothing being operated on full time. Some effort will be made to make the Yuletide the happiest possible under the circumstances for the destitute and for the bulk of the wounded who will be in hospitals long after the holiday season. "Let this be a Christmas for the destitute" seems to be the universal thought of committees actively in charge of every branch of relief.

Reconstruction Mission

Many of the New England surgeons and nurses will spend Christmas here. Already they have planned for a real New England Christmas in a year, especially in those institutions

crowded with children, the majority of whom may be blind for life. With its nerve back to normal again Halifax has started on its great reconstruction mission in a way which has astounded even its own people. Not much can be done until the snow clears, and the snow has brought the added danger of epidemics. After a general survey of the health situation the authorities announced today that the chart at the health bureau was remarkably clear. Physicians agree, however, that conditions must be closely watched in order that every effort may be made to prevent the spread of disease when the vitality of a large part of the population is low.

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PERSHING SURE OF VICTORY

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, Dec. 13. (By the Associated Press.)—A number of well known war correspondents of important French newspapers have visited the American troops and followed the lines of communication from the sea to the advanced camps. After expressing to them his unalterable confidence in an allied victory, the journalists summarized their impressions in the following statement:

"We have come to a striking realization of American power. We have the fullest confidence in the aid which America's army will render us and we are more than ever convinced of victory. We have been struck particularly by the brotherhood in arms of Americans and Frenchmen and nothing rejoices us more than the vigor, high spirits and enthusiasm of our allies from overseas."

The party made a long visit to a camp of former National Guardsmen where they partook of the soldiers' mess. They also visited and had long talks with the troops returned from the trenches, especially those who were wounded.

HIGHEST TIDE IN 12 YEARS AT NEW BEDFORD

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 14.—One of the severest windstorms in recent years resulted in the highest tide here today in 12 years. Cellars along the New Bedford and Fairhaven shores were flooded and many small craft were driven ashore. The fire department pumped the water out of one factory and part of the Manomet mill was shut down because of water in one of the rooms.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CONWAY.—The funeral of William F. Conway will take place from his home, 34 Epping street, Monday morning, at 8 o'clock. A mass of requiem will be sung in the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge.

CULLINAN.—The body of Mrs. Gertrude (Herrick) Cullinan of Brockton will be brought to Lowell Sunday afternoon, burial to take place in St. Patrick's cemetery.

FOSTER.—Frank Foster died last evening at the home of his son, C. Percy Foster, 553 Wilder street. Aged 69 years, 3 months. Funeral services will be held at 553 Wilder street, Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Friends invited without further notice. Burial private.

READY.—The funeral of Mrs. Honora Ready will be held Saturday morning at her late home, 39 Fifth street, at 8.15 o'clock. A high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker P. H. Savage in charge.

DEATHS

FOSTER.—Frank Foster died yesterday at the home of his son, C. Percy Foster, 553 Wilder street.

FAYTON.—Thomas Fayton died at his home in Billerica yesterday afternoon. Besides his wife, Lillie M. he leaves four daughters, Mrs. Florence Morgan and three sons, Edward, Bessie B. Fayton, and five sons, Thomas E., John W., James A., Chester W., and Joseph S., all of Billerica Centre.

FUNERALS

GATE.—The funeral services of Mrs. Phoebe Gate were held at the home of her niece, Mrs. Carl A. Richmond, at Tyngsboro yesterday.

The services were conducted by Rev. Austin Rice, pastor of the Congregational church at Wakefield. Appropriate selections were sung by Mrs. M. Edward Symonds. The bearers were Messrs. Albert, Arthur and Morrie Gate and Chester Queen. Burial will take place today in the family lot in the Pine Grove cemetery at Farmington, N. H. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

LEE.—The funeral of Sergt. Frederick Lee of the United States Marine corps took place yesterday afternoon. Burial was in the Marine cemetery, Chelsea, with military honors. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons had charge of the funeral arrangements.

HALL.—The funeral services of Mrs. Euphasia D. Hall were held at her home, 1526 Bridge street, Draught, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Ernest B. Bartlett, pastor of the Draught Centre Congregational church and appropriate selections were sung by Charles G. Martin, Warren Reid, Harry Priestly and Edwin W. White of the American quartet. The bearers were Clinton Coffin, Albert Fox, C. Harvey and Harry Fox. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. M. Bartlett. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

BOYLE.—The funeral of James P. Boyle took place this morning from

his late home, 6 Bolton place, off Franklin street at 9 o'clock, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9.45 by Rev. James Kerrigan. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The bearers were John Healin, Thomas Boyle, Philip Farrell, Robert Ganley, Ellick Ashmore and John Foley. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. James Kerrigan read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge of funeral arrangements.

COLLINS.—The funeral of Thomas F. Collins took place this morning from the rooms of Undertaker P. H. Savage, at 8.30 o'clock. A high mass of requiem was sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Rev. Joseph Curtin officiating. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. A delegation from the Elks included John H. Farrell, George A. Campbell and W. H. Downes. The bearers were D. P. Sweeney, H. W. Smith, L. P. Smith and J. Lynch, 1. Muckensrum and A. J. Plaisant, all of Boston. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Joseph Curtin read the committal prayers. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Peter H. Savage.

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Gift Banjos, 402 Wyman's Exchange.

James H. Walker has returned from the woods of South Machias, Me., where for the past 12 days he kept himself busy with his friend John Cook of Baltimore, Md., in shooting big game.

At 9 o'clock this morning the ambulance was called to the Appleton mill and removed George E. Robinson of 22 High street to the Lowell Hospital. He was suffering from an injury to his right arm.

An alarm from box 38 at 11.41 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a blaze on the roof of a house at the corner of School and Sawyer streets. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

Eugene Viaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Viaw of Hildreth street, has enlisted in the provisional department of the U. S. army as a plumber and he is now at Washington, D.C., awaiting assignment. Prior to his enlistment he was employed at the Charlestown navy yard as a pipefitter and plumber. He has a brother, Orlando P. Viaw, who is now with the Medical corps at Camp Merritt, Tenney, N. Y.

S. Wales Dixon, in charge of training camp recreation activities in Lowell, is the author of an article entitled "Recreation for Everybody and Every Day in the Year" in the current number of The American City, a magazine devoted to municipal affairs and progress. Mr. Dixon's article tells of some of the innovations which the park commission of Hartford, Conn., introduced in the line of municipal recreational work while he was a member of the board.

JEWELL BROTHERS, MEMBERS OF N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE MAKE ASSIGNMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Jewell Brothers, members of the New York stock exchange, who have conducted a brokerage business in this city since 1894, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

The firm issued a statement which said: "Following to precipitate a decline in certain securities carried by us for customers and inability of some customers to put up additional margin our firm finds itself embarrassed and in order to protect the interests of all we have made an assignment."

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1917 Henderson and side car, \$155.

1913 Indian, \$35.

1916 Indian Electric, equipped and

IMO'S HELMSMAN UNDER ARREST AS GERMAN SPY

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—John Johnson, helmsman of the Imo, which rammed the Mont Blanc and caused the Halifax disaster, was arrested yesterday, charged with being a German spy. On him were found German notes. Their contents are kept a secret. Authorities hinted that they are of great significance. It was through the alertness of a nurse in the Rhode Island unit at Bellevue hospital, Miss Amy Phillips of Truro, that the arrest was brought about. Johnson has been in the hospital several days. He acted so suspiciously several times that Miss Phillips was put on her guard. Finally, when he is alleged to have offered a bribe to the nurse, if she would let him leave the hospital, she notified Capt. H. G. Lappam of Boston and Johnson was quickly taken into custody. Previously Johnson had tried to leave the hospital, but was prevented from departing. J. C. Burchall, counsel for the Imo's owners in the admiralty hearing on the crash between the Imo and Mont Blanc, said last night that a story that a secret code in German had been found on Johnson was absolutely without foundation. Johnson, Mr. Burchall said, had been living in the United States 10 years and, as he was anxious to return to his old home in Norway, he shipped on the Imo. It is Mr. Burchall's theory that Johnson, who is to testify at the inquiry, was still dazed from the effects of the explosion, and was making efforts to escape from the hospital, fearing that he might be put in jail because of the crash which caused the loss of so many lives. **Denies Germans Have Wireless** Gen. Benson, military commander here, yesterday denied that a secret wireless station, overlooking The Narrows, has been found and six men and two women arrested as German spies. Because the Church of England in-

altitude building, where the Red Cross headquarters have been located is likely to fall, the headquarters were moved yesterday to the Keith building on Barrington street. The Halifax papers yesterday pay glowing tributes to A. C. Ratschky, in charge of the Massachusetts relief workers in Halifax, as his valuable services since the disaster. Halifax has received the party from the Calvin Austin, the first Boston relief steamer, with open arms. Nothing is too good for them. Harry Brooks of Boston, pursuer on the Calvin Austin, yesterday went to find a telephone to call up his father in Montreal, 217 miles away. Somebody recognized him, took him to his room, got the connection and refused to let Brooks pay for the call. His father was formerly a sea captain in the Boston-London service. Mrs. J. Rowe Webster of the Special Aid society yesterday obtained an express wagon and, undaunted by the bitter cold, devoted all day distributing supplies brought from Boston. Mrs. Webster and other relief workers are quartered on the steamer. Capt. O'Donnell found a boy aged 8 and 6, respectively, half-frozen and shivering, staggering through the street with arms full of boards, which well might have taxed the strength of a grown man. He bought the girl some new mittens and carried the boards to the children's home. The family was found destitute. Capt. O'Donnell sent Red Cross workers to aid the family. Just before he left Boston, Capt. O'Donnell's little daughter gave him a small pair of shoes to take to Halifax. He gave them to this family.



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Flat Rib.....	15c lb.	Best Spare Ribs.....	18c lb.	Large Onions, 6 lbs.....	25c
Sticker Pieces.....	18c lb.	Best Spg. Lamb Chops.....	38c lb.	Small Onions, 3 lbs.....	10c
Fancy Chuck Roast.....	18c lb.	Best Tp. Rnd. Steak.....	38c lb.	Yellow Turnips.....	2c lb.
Top Rib Roasts.....	20c lb.	Best Sirloin.....	40c lb.	Carrots.....	2c lb.
Sirloin Roasts.....	24c lb.	Best Vein Steak.....	35c lb.	Beets.....	4c lb.
Stew Beef.....	14c lb.	Best Rump Steak.....	45c lb.	Cabbage.....	2½c lb.
Edge Bones.....	12½c lb.	Campbell's Soups.....	10c	Parsnips.....	4c lb.
Soup Bones.....	5c lb.	Libbey's Canned Beans.....	15c	Fancy Baldwin Apples.....	50c pk.
Forequarters Veal.....	14c lb.	Fancy Canned Peas.....	15c	Good Pie Apples.....	25c pk.
Fqtrs. Spring Lamb.....	22c lb.	Macaroni, pkg.....	10c	Large Head Lettuce.....	5c
Fresh Cut Ham, Stk.....	15c lb.			Fancy Navel Oranges.....	30c doz.
Fresh Hog Liver.....	15c lb.			Mixed Nuts.....	25c lb.
Sirloin Steak.....	25c lb.			Fancy Grapefruit.....	3 for 25c
Good Steak.....	22c lb.				

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POPULAR LOWELL BOY JOINS REGULARS

Martin E. Connors, son of Lieut. and Mrs. Martin Connors of 61 Bellevue street, left Lowell this morning for Fort Slocum, N. Y., where he is to become a member of the quartermaster's department of the regular army. Mr. Connors was unusually well known in Lowell and was especially prominent in school circles. He was graduated from the Moody grammar school in 1911 and was captain of the baseball team while at that school. He entered the Lowell high school in 1911 and was graduated from that institution in 1915. He was president of the class of 1915 and had also taken leading parts in several of the theatrical productions of the school. In the fall of 1915 he entered Holy Cross college and was a student at the Worcester institution for two years. Last September he entered Boston college as a member of the junior class and had attended the New London school up until the past week when he enlisted in the national forces. Mr. Connors is of draft age and rather than take a chance on being summoned he gave up his school work temporarily to join the regular army. "Marty," as he is best known to his friends, was a member of the Lowell Boston College club. He had been employed at the Walkover shoe store in Central street and had made many friends in this capacity. He is the son of Lieut. Martin Connors, the well known officer of the local police department.



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BANK ROBBERS TAKE \$47,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Two hundred pounds of money, totalling \$47,000, was carried off by the five men who yesterday robbed the La Grange state bank at LaGrange, a western suburb. It became known today after an indemnity insurance company had checked up the bank's cash. It was at first believed that only \$20,000 was obtained by the robbers, but later inspection revealed that they took 14 pounds of gold currency and 60 pounds of silver. The robbery took place yesterday at noon, a heavy snow storm obscured the robbers at work in the bank from people in the street and they escaped in an automobile.

OLGA, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE FORMER Czar OF RUSSIA IS SERIOUSLY ILL

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—It is reported from Tobolsk, Siberia, that Olga, eldest daughter of the former Emperor Nicholas, is seriously ill. sent three men to Boston today on the 12:15 train. They were Clarence F. Williams, 13 Brown street, Bremen; William J. Flynn, 834 Central street, Bremen; and Frederick J. Donovan, 746 Central street, blacksmith.

Canadian Battalion

Alberic St. Pierre is the latest Lowell recruit to sign up as a member of the 249th Canadian battalion for which Sergt. Edward Filmer is recruiting in Lowell under the auspices of the British and Canadian recruiting mission. Alberic lives at 74 Worthen street and will leave for Boston tomorrow. Sergt. J. Healey was in charge of British and Canadian recruiting at the war work headquarters today in the absence of Lieut. Stehelin and Sergt. Filmer who were in Boston. Sergt. Healey is a very young looking chap and comes from Manchester, Eng. He says that there are 30 battalions in the Manchester regiment and that many of these have already seen service at the front. His own battalion took part in the Gallipoli disaster and 140 members of it were killed. Sergt. Healey was not in this battle as he had previously met with a serious accident which left him unable to bear the strain of battle. He was in a hospital for some time and is on recruiting duty until he will be able to take his place on the firing line.

Gone to Fort Slocum

William E. McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McCarthy of 591 Bridge street, severed his connections with the Cudahy Packing Co. in Boston recently and enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the regular army. Mr. McCarthy had been employed as a cashier with the Cudahy company and upon the occasion of his leaving for the front his fellow employees presented him a number of useful gifts. Mr. McCarthy went with the big contingent of regular army recruits who left Lowell yesterday morning. John Callahan, 352 Appleton street, is another boy who left Lowell to enter the service of Uncle Sam with the many others who have joined the quartermaster's department at Fort Slocum. Mr. Callahan, whose father lives in Marlboro, was employed up to the time of his enlistment, by Morris, Nelson & Co., wholesale beef dealers and was considered one of the best bookkeepers and accountants in any of their branch offices throughout the country. John Delaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Delaney, 349 Concord street, has joined the colors, choosing the quartermaster's department. Previous to his departure yesterday for Fort Slocum he was presented a handsome wrist watch by his friends and fellow employees of the American Hilo & Leather company.

Tewksbury Soldiers

The towns surrounding Lowell are doing their share in the present recruiting drive. Tewksbury sent three of her sons to Fort Slocum yesterday. They were Eugene Manley, Myron Willard and Russell Millett.

75-MILE GALE SWEEPS CAPE

CHATHAM, Dec. 14.—A 75-mile southwest gale which swept over Cape Cod last night accompanied by the highest tide in years drove a four-masted coal laden schooner onto Stone Horse shoal and her position today indicated that she would be a total wreck. The crew of the coast guard station at Monomoy Point watched the vessel as the waves broke over her but were unable to launch their boat because of the blow. The schooner's crew could not be seen from shore and it was believed they had taken refuge in the forward house. Only the bow of the vessel was visible. The schooner, which is commanded by Capt. Greenwood of Machias, Me., and carried a crew of ten men, got into trouble a week ago while on a voyage from Norfolk for Portland, striking on Round Shoal and losing an anchor. A tug pulled her off and towed her to an anchorage off Haverhill shoals where she lay when the gale struck her last night and snapped the remaining anchor chain. The wind and tide did great damage at many points on the cape. Several buildings were unroofed here and at North Truro the freight house collapsed onto the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, blocking traffic between Truro and Provincetown. At Weymouth and other points bad washouts were reported by railroad officials.

THE DAY'S NEWS AT CITY HALL

City Solicitor William D. Regan went to Cambridge yesterday and appeared before Justice King of the civil session of the superior court in an endeavor to secure a new trial in the case of Emma Crockett vs. the city of Lowell, an action of tort which was tried recently and in which a verdict of \$1000 was rendered for the plaintiff. Mr. Regan argued for a new trial on the ground that the verdict had been rendered against the weight of evidence and against the law. Lawyer Owens, who was counsel for the plaintiff, did not appear. Justice King after hearing the argument, informed the solicitor that he would reserve his decision.

Conduits and Manholes

Edwin Mulready, commissioner for the state board of labor and industries, has sent a letter to City Clerk Flynn, stating that the board is preparing rules and regulations relative to the construction and maintenance of conduits and manholes and the board would like a copy of any rules and regulations governing this kind of work, which may have been adopted by the city.

Board of Health

Miss Elizabeth Robison, the local representative of the state department of health, baby department, has written a letter to the local board of health asking for an opportunity for her and Dr. C. E. Simpson to be heard on important matters at the next regular meeting of the board, which will be held Dec. 21. The request was granted.

Testing Cook Wells

The Cook wells are being tested today by employees of the water department, and if they prove satisfactory they will be put in operation as soon as conditions warrant. It is Commissioner Brown stated this morning that although the shortage of water is still being felt, it is not as bad as it was yesterday. For this morning it was noticed that the decrease in the water supply in the Centralville reservoir was not as large as yesterday.

Halifax Fund

A check for the amount of \$100 was received this morning by the O'Donnell from Hobson & Lawler for the Massachusetts Halifax Relief fund, and the check was immediately forwarded to Treasurer Robert Winsor in Boston.

Elks Thank Mayor

Mayor O'Donnell this morning received a letter of thanks from the Lowell lodge of Elks for the excellent memorial address delivered at the memorial services conducted by the lodge Dec. 2.

Chauffeurs Examined

Examiner Hubbell of the state highway commission came to city hall this morning, and examined 15 candidates for a chauffeur's license. The men examined were from various cities and towns along the Merrimack valley.

Exemption Board

The exemption board of division 2 at city hall wishes to notify the registrants who have changed their address since the date of their registration to notify the board at once and they are also requested to include in their notification their order number.

COOK DIES AT AYER --DRILLS SUSPENDED

AYER, Dec. 14.—Thomas Terrio of Sherman Station, Me., died today at the base hospital at Camp Devens. He was cook for the 38th company of the depot brigade and spent Wednesday night in the trenches preparing food for the men training in trench warfare. He was taken ill at his work and medical officers declare he was suffering from peritonitis. They expressed the belief that the illness had been developing for some time. The cantonment was covered with snow today and drills were suspended while the men devoted their time to shoveling. The roads were almost impassable and could be negotiated only by the highest powered motors, while the trolley line to the village was tied up by the storm until noon.

MRS. McNIE'S STATEMENT

Mrs. Goldie Akerley McNie called at The Sun office today to state that she has not left her husband, John F. McNie, as indicated by a notice published in the paper over his signature in The Sun of Dec. 12, 1917.

Jas. F. Miskella

Strand Bldg., 114 Central St. Mufflers and Gloves would make a nice present. Caps, big value \$1.00 to \$1.50 Cashmere Hose.....35c to 45c Shirts, \$2.00 value.....\$1.50 The Hockey Cap for cold weather......65c New Line of Gloves \$1.75 to \$2.25

APPLIES AS LEGAL TENDER IN READ ESTATE DEAL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

EXETER, N. H., Dec. 14.—New Hampshire applies are this year passing as legal tender, like the barrels of New England rum of colonial days, which was given in payment of land from the Indians. Three barrels of apples have been used as payment for real estate in Londonderry. The deed was brought to the Rockingham county registry here recently stating that for one dollar, and other considerations, including three barrels of Baldwin apples each year, Henry Copp of Derry conveyed to Talbot Partrick of Londonderry, land and buildings.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE FOR BOYS AT AYER

AYER, Dec. 14.—The war department order restricting Christmas leave will not affect members of the National army at Camp Devens, 80 per cent of whom will be allowed to spend the holiday at home. Maj. Gen. M. Peck, division ordnance and press intelligence officer, received a despatch from Washington today stating that the restrictions would not apply to this cantonment.

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RED SOX BUY STRUNK, BUSH AND SCHANG

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Harry Frazee, president of the Boston Americans, today purchased Outfielder Amos Strunk, Pitcher Joe Bush and Catcher Wallie Schang from the Philadelphia Athletics for \$60,000. In addition to the price consideration Frazee gave Pitcher Vean Gregg, Catcher Thomas and Outfielder Kopf for the players.

SAY "MURDER REVOLVER" SOLD TO MAN IN BOSTON

DEBHAM, Dec. 14.—Witnesses for the defense identified the revolver with which Mrs. Keyes was shot as one sold at a Boston pawn shop on April 4 to a man whom one of them said resembled Harold Jackson, a clerk employed by Keyes. The witnesses were Maurice Sonnabend, proprietor of the shop and Sidney Balkan, his clerk, who made the sale. The prosecution had produced evidence that a second hand dealer who testified he had sold a revolver like the one with which the shooting was done, to Miss Varney.

When the Maine farmer has money he spends it," he said. Asked if reports were true that the potato men were riding around in big touring cars, he said he had seen one last year a freight train went to Alton with 47 cars of automobiles. He said farmers had built concrete cellars on their farms and were storing their potatoes in them. Miss Varney said she could not remember whether there was an elevator at the time the sale was made. Jackson, who had previously testified for the prosecution, was recalled and declared he had never been in Sonnabend's shop and had never bought or owned a revolver in his life.

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HUNGARIANS GRATEFUL TO PRES. WILSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The American Magyar Newspaper (Hungarian daily) will say in its editorial columns today:

"WE ARE GRATEFUL.

"In the name of the Hungarians in America we express our grateful thanks to the American people, the government of the United States and to the first citizen of the republic, President Wilson.

"We thank them for the confidence and good will shown toward the subjects of Hungary residing in this land and for that truly splendid magnanimity so clearly evidenced by the presidential proclamation defining and regulating the status of the subjects of the dual monarchy residing in America.

"All of this the American government refrained from doing.

"Instead of severity they displayed gratifying consideration.

"They show us not the fist, but reach out a friendly hand.

"Every Hungarian in America should read carefully the proclamation of our president; he will thus hear the words of noble America and feel the warmth of noble American heart.

"At this writing only we American citizens and residents of Hungarian origin can express our gratitude to the United States and to the illustrious President Wilson.

"The time will yet come when Hungary and the Hungarian people will be able to give testimony of their gratitude."

PROSPERITY DUE TO BIG 1916 POTATO CROP

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Evidence of the prosperity which the big 1916 potato crop brought the farmers of Arrostook county, Maine, was brought out today in the testimony of Percy R. Todd, president of the Bangor & Arrostook railroad, at the interstate commerce commission hearing on the petition New England railroads for increased passenger and freight rates. Because of this prosperity, Mr. Todd said, the upward freight business of his road in

Challoux's COLLEGE

The New Possession

Long ago, Apollo, who was the god of music, was given a lyre which was made from a tortoise shell with nine cords of linen. From these cords the nine muses were named, and as you may know, those muses provided our song.

Imagine the appearance of such an instrument, yet music was obtained from it. If the saying, "Music hath charms" is true, just see what the contrast must be between that old, crude lyre, and the highly finished Victrola of today, by which means we may hear the world's greatest musicians.

Bessie H. Hale, Lowell High School Comm. Dept.

Shop Earlier This Christmas.

LAVAN AND SHOTTON SOLD TO SENATORS

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Shortstop Lavan and Outfielder Bert Shotton of the St. Louis Americans were sold to the Washington club for \$15,000 and Pitcher Gallia today.

GEN. PERSHING REPORTS DEATH OF 5 AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Gen. Pershing today reported to the war department the following deaths:

First Lieut. George M. Anderson, engineers, Dec. 8, on board United States transport; tubercular meningitis, home Alexandria, Va.

Sergt. Paul Jordan, Lavallo, Ga., quartermaster corps, Dec. 10, motor-car accident.

Private Harold Warner, marines, Dec. 8, pneumonia, address not given.

Able seaman Jan Jendrix Braafhart, U.S.N., Dec. 11, lobar pneumonia; address not given.

Private Maurice I. Capron, Nashville, Minn., coast artillery corps, Dec. 9, natural causes.

THOMAS DELMORE GOES TO FORT SLOCUM

Thomas A. Delmore, for the past several years employed in the boys' department of the Talbot Clothing Co. and well known in local musical circles, has elected to do his bit for Uncle Sam and on Wednesday left Lowell for Fort Slocum as an embryo member of the quartermaster's department of the Regular Army. From Fort Slocum Mr. Delmore expects to be transferred to Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Delmore is well known in this city and especially in St. Patrick's parish. He had achieved no mean reputation as a singer and had given pleasure at many local concerts.

Mr. Delmore has been succeeded at the Talbot store by William J. Madden, another well known young man. Mr. Madden had formerly been with the Merrimack Clothing Co. Recently he gave up his position in the latter place to accept another with the quartermaster's department at Governors Island, N. Y. He later resigned this, however, and is now with the Talbot company.

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Russian Delegates to Begin Peace Negotiations as Soon as Armistice is Signed

Struggle for Power in Interior Russia Growing More Bitter—Advantages Claimed by Both Sides — Berlin Papers Predict German Offensive on the Western Front

Official announcement is made by the Bolshevik government at Petrograd that the Russian delegates to the armistice conference now in progress at Brest-Litovsk are empowered to begin peace negotiations with the central powers if an armistice is signed.

Both Sides Claim Success

Meanwhile the struggle for power in interior Russia is growing more bitter. Advantages in the civil warfare are claimed by both sides. The Bolsheviks assert success in the fighting with Gen. Kaledine's Cossacks in the vicinity of Biogorod, some 250 miles south of Moscow while the Cossacks are reported victorious at Rostov-on-the-Don, capturing the city and forcing the Bolshevik troops to retreat across the Don.

Active on Western Front

Attention is attracted by the fact that the German press is being permitted to predict a German offensive on the western front, a rather unusual prelude to any new aggressive movement by the Germans, especially in view of the preceding one.

Artillery Active at Champagne

This front, however, is admittedly more active as a whole than the German side than for a long time. With brisk artillery battles and reconnoitering, the French are in force frequent attacks. An artillery action, it is to be noted, has broken out in the Champagne which has been pointed to as one held where the Germans might essay an offensive in an attempt to break through in the direction of Paris.

British Improve Position

Of actual infantry fighting there has been little in the past 24 hours. London announces that the British were successful yesterday in improving their position at the result of their local operation in the Cambrai area, east of Bullecourt. Berlin declares the British were beaten back in an attack at this point.

Severe Fighting Around Rostov

Severe fighting has been going on in and around Rostov, which is only 25 miles southwest of Novo Teberkas, the Don Cossack capital. Kaledine's troops besieged the city while Cossack forces within Rostov attacked the Bolsheviks. The losses are reported to have been heavy on both sides. The Bolsheviks, reported to be commanded by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, were aided by the transport Kolchida. Wire communication with Rostov has been broken and one railroad line reaching the city was cut.

British Storm German Post

In the Cambrai district yesterday the British stormed a German post on the southern end of the sector, while on the northern end there was bomb fighting in which German prisoners were captured. German artillery has been especially active north of the Scarpe in the Arras area and northeast of Ypres in Flanders. Intermittent artillery activity continues along the French front. The only infantry action has been near Juvincourt, north of Rheims, where a German attack was repulsed.

Bitter Fighting on Italian Front

East of the Brenta river, on the northern Italian front, there has been further bitter fighting. Austro-German troops, reinforced by fresh reserves, attacked the Italian positions

in valleys descending toward the river from the Col della Beretta region. Italian resistance held the attackers and forced them to give up the effort after having suffered heavy losses. Other violent attacks in the same region brought no gains for the enemy.

U. S. Engineers Killed by Bombs

German bombs have killed a number of American railway engineers in a town behind the British front. In another town a German bomb fell in a street, throwing which American troops were marching. No injuries resulted.

Artillery Fighting

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the Champagne, the war office announces.

Italian War Report

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 13 (by the Associated Press).—After three days of fighting on the mountain front between the Brenna and Plave rivers the enemy is holding some trenches on Col Beretta and the summit of Monte Spluova, but the rest of the Italian line is in its original position. This is the enemy's third successive attack with the object of breaking through to the plains. The backward season continues to be an important factor. A downpour in the last two days has filled the Plave, which had nearly run dry, obliterating

the water barrier with the enemy trenches only a few hundred yards away. The water in the inundated section along the lower Plave also had fallen from five feet to a foot. The rains again made the river a fairly deep barrier and effectively increased the depth of water in the inundated sections. Taking advantage of the low water, the Austrians occupied a villa near the lagoon of Venice, in the vicinity of Boro Cavallino. The Italian destroyer Sauro managed to work into the lagoon and landed a party of sailors who destroyed the villa, together with the telephone and machine guns which had been installed.

British Balloon Over Dutch Village

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Several news despatches from Holland agree that the aircraft which descended in a Dutch village yesterday was not an airship, but a British army balloon, which is said to have drifted across the North sea from England.

British Beaten Back

BERLIN, Dec. 14, via London.—British troops endeavoring to recapture the trenches they had lost to the east of Bullecourt, on the Cambrai battlefield, were beaten back yesterday, the German general staff announces. On the front of Duke Albert in eastern France, the French artillery fire increased.

POSTOFFICE BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The post-office appropriation bill aggregating \$335,000,000, including \$1,200,000 for censorship of foreign mails and without any appropriation for pneumatic tube service in New York, Boston or elsewhere, was passed today by the house. It now goes to the senate.

THREE COAL BARGES DRIVEN ASHORE

CLINTON, Conn., Dec. 14.—Three barges bound with 750 tons of coal from Westerly, R. I., to New York broke from their moorings behind Duck Island during the storm which swept Long Island sound last night and were driven ashore near Grove beach. One of them, the steam barge Demarest, began to break up today and will probably be a total loss. The other two are still hard ashore.

ASKS PATRONS TO CURTAIL USE OF ELECTRICITY FOR POWER

WORCESTER, Dec. 14.—Owing to the early loss of its water power at Vernon, Vt., and the shortage in its coal supply, the New England Power Co. has given notice to its patrons that they should curtail their use of electricity for power as much as possible. It is recommended that the users of electric power shut down their plants at least one week.

MONTREAL EXPRESS IS STALLED IN DRIFTS

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 14.—The Montreal express from Boston was eight hours late today, having been stalled in snowdrifts at Braintree. Fifteen inches of snow had fallen at noon and the storm was still in progress. It was feared that the traffic delay would have a serious effect on the local situation which has been critical for some time.

NO ENEMIES ON IMO AT TIME OF COLLISION

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—There were no Germans or Austrians aboard the Imo when it collided with the Mont Blanc, Alex E. Jannas, third officer of the Imo testified at today's session of the government inquiry into the explosion. So far as he knew the captain and pilot were both on the bridge of the ship until after the collision occurred. The Mont Blanc was struck on the starboard bow, he said. He had noticed no change in the Imo's course prior to the collision, he testified. Twenty minutes elapsed after the collision before the explosion occurred, he said.

Though he himself was born in Germany, William Grey of South Bend, Ind., has given seven sons to the service of Uncle Sam, and the seven are now in various departments of the government war machine. Mr. and Mrs. Grey are the parents of 17 children.

SNOW STORM INTERFERES WITH TRAVEL

The biggest snow storm of the season—so far—began falling "sometime after midnight" this morning, and continued steadily until 6 o'clock, when it let up a little, but it was well on its way to 7:30 o'clock before the last flakes had descended upon the Seaside City. The docks and Canals office, the sign qua non of local measurements, gave out the information this noon that between 7 1/2 and 8 inches of the unusual element had fallen in Lowell. There was sufficient wind, however, to make matters uneven on the ground as early morning pedestrians found to their displeasure. The storm could not be characterized as a blizzard—it was merely inconvenient.

As usual, the local and suburban transportation facilities were affected by the storm and early this morning the cars were away off their regular running time. The Bay State people and once the "tanks" got going nothing could stop them.

After the first trips had been made on the various lines, things began to resume a normal character and by noon most of the lines were running on their approximate schedule time. The Boston & Maine had their usual difficulties and the early trains this morning were away off. An official of the road said this noon that word had been received from Keene, N. H., that four feet of snow had fallen up there and this, of course, interfered greatly with the northern trains. As the morning progressed, however, conditions improved. The trains are not yet on their approximate schedule time, but are approximating it.

Commissioner Charles J. Morse re-

liefed his forces of the street department this morning and most of the members were drafted in the snow. The downtown passages were the initial treatment and later the bridges, school houses, etc., were taken care of. Practically all employees of the department consented their energies on the removal of the snow, and a number of new employees were enlisted for emergency duty.

The department had 14 plows out this morning clearing the streets in the outlying districts and this afternoon work was started in removing the snow from the downtown streets. An official of the department said this noon that there was no use trying to remove the snow from the downtown streets until the people had cleared off their sidewalks.

There were many roped sections in the downtown sidewalks today where the snow from being cleared from the roofs of buildings, as far as it knew, there were no mishaps due to falling snow.

The no-school signal was rung this morning but the temperature rose rapidly as the sun got busy and by noon there was an abundance of slush downtown.

The storm had not been entirely unexpected but it was not as heavy as it would come so heavily. Immense automobiles were stalled in drifts this morning, chains to the contrary notwithstanding.

HEAD OF SUGAR REFINING CO. BLAMES HOOVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Declaring that there is no shortage of sugar in the United States and that the famine is local to the Atlantic seaboard, President Speckles of the Federal Sugar Refining Co., testifying today at the senate committee's investigation, administration. Sugar, he declared, was now passing through New York for Canada because of higher prices. The sugar going through New York Speckles said, was not for the Canadian refiners paid a higher price.

"We entered into an agreement with the food administration to pay a very high price for raw sugars," said Speckles.

"We adhered to that agreement and the product normally imported into this country went abroad because better prices were obtained. We were forced to close our refineries for lack of supply."

"If you could pay a higher price now could you open your refineries?" Sen. Reed asked.

"Not at once. Much of the supply has gone abroad and it would take time to get the raw product here."

WITH THE ARMY DU PONT PLANT AND NAVY BLOWN UP

Corp. Cox of the regular army recruiting station sent away five men this morning as members of the coast artillery of the National Guard. The patriotic quintet was as follows: John J. Mulligan, 55 Bartlett street; Robert Porter, 1 Viles avenue; Cornelius J. Murphy, 245 Blue street; Irving Teal, 46 Stately street; and Guy Norris, Lawrence. The first four left Lowell at 8:45 and Norris left at 9:45.

Lawyers Enlist

In addition to the 63 men who left Lowell yesterday from the regular

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FIRE AND GALE WRECK BARRACKS

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 14.—Fire in one of the barracks on Fairbridge Island, caused considerable alarm today but the gale blew down the building. Soldiers then were able to extinguish the fire and prevent its spread.

MAN BURNED TO CRISP UNDER HIS AUTO

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 11.—David C. Lovemoney, long in the optical business here, was killed in his private garage today. While he was working under his car an explosion of gasoline occurred, followed by fire and his body was burned to a crisp. His wife, who heard the explosion, found the garage doors closed and the interior a mass of flames.

EAGLES, NOTICE!

All members of Lowell Acme are requested to be present at the funeral of J. P. O'Donnell & Sons, this (Friday) evening at 7:45 o'clock, at the exercises of our order will be held for our late brother, Patrick T. Maroney.

For order: Thomas A. Mulligan, Secretary; Cornelius T. O'Keefe, Acting Secretary.

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NO COMMENT FROM SEC. BAKER ON SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Statements regarding the prospective delivery of rifles, machine guns, and other matters the witness declined to discuss publicly, were given today by Maj. Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, at an executive session of the senate military committee's inquiry into delays in supplying the army.

Admissions yesterday of the existence of a machine gun shortage, and that the American troops in France had been supplied with French weapons brought a running fire of questions from committee members.

Gen. Crozier put the responsibility for the shortage squarely up to Secretary Baker, asserting that the secretary had taken a personal interest in the matter and ordered tests of various machine gun which resulted in the adoption of a new gun known as the Browning type.

Other than to say that the committee was properly seeking information and that the Browning gun had been approved by a special board appointed for the purpose, Secretary Baker declined to comment on Gen. Crozier's statements.

BLIZZARD CRIPPLES ALL TRAFFIC IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A snow storm approaching blizzard proportions that raged throughout the night crippled all traffic in New York today, interrupting telegraph and telephone service, brought intense suffering to the poor and accentuated the serious shortage of coal. The gale whipped up a heavy sea, driving small craft to cover and causing considerable damage along the water front. At midday the city was covered with five inches of snow.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY EXCHANGE PRISONERS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Russian authorities have ordered the release of all civilian German prisoners in exchange for 4000 Russian officers in German prisons, according to a despatch from Hagerstrand, printed in the Dagens Nyheter of Stockholm, and forwarded by the correspondent of the Morning Post.

It is reported reliably, the despatch adds, that Russian troops have been ordered to evacuate Finland. The commander of the fortifications at Sveaborg is said to have acknowledged officially the independence of Finland.

STEAMER KURLAND SUNK IN COLLISION

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The steamer Kurland has been sunk in a collision, according to an announcement made by Lloyd's.

According to available shipping records there are three steamers named Kurland, one Belgian and two Russian. The Belgian steamer Kurland of 1964 tons arrived in an American port on Nov. 10. The Russian steamers named Kurland are of 836 and 512 tons respectively.

16,639 ITALIANS TAKEN IN FOUR DAYS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—An official Austrian statement reviewing the recent attack on the northern Italian front says that in the four days of fighting in the Moleta region 639 Italian officers and more than 16,000 men were made prisoners. The capture is also reported of 283 guns, 238 machine guns, four quick firing 81 mm. throwers and a quantity of other material.

JUVENILE COURT

Henry J. DeFoe, John F. Gargan and Wesley C. Kenney, aged 16 years, appeared before the juvenile session of court this morning on complaints charging them with breaking and entering and larceny. According to the testimony produced the trio made breaks in stores in Chapel Street and on the street last Saturday and Sunday night and although they secured but a small amount of money, they caused considerable damage owing to the fact that they tossed things around in the different stores. DeFoe was sentenced to the school at Shirley while the other two boys were placed on probation.

Norbert R. McNulty, charged with the larceny of money from the store of Albion C. Taylor in Merrimack street, was found guilty and sentenced to the Lyman school.



Six Minute Pudding

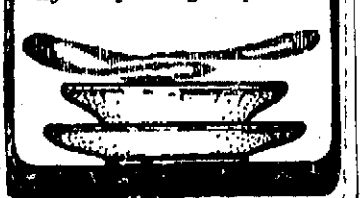
Here's a new one—a most delicious desert that can be made in a hurry.

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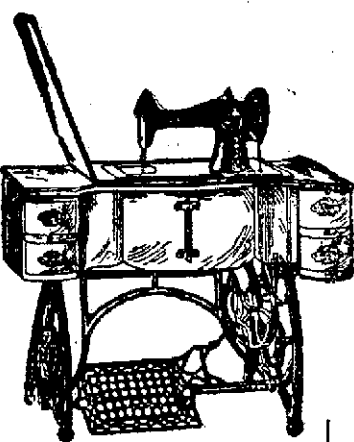
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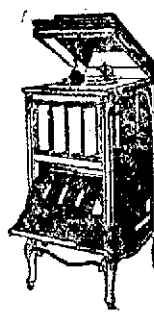
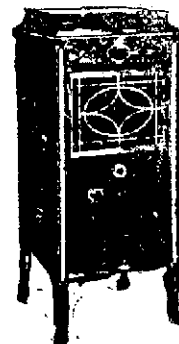
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KERENSKY IN DANGER OF LYNCHING

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—Civil offenders in the Petrograd prisons have been removed to jails in the provinces to make room for counter-revolutionary suspects, who are being arrested constantly.

The lodgings of Mme. Kerensky, wife of the former premier, were searched today by soldiers. She was told that she had better notify Kerensky to come to the Smolny institute voluntarily or he would be in great danger of lynching if found.

The members of the constitutional democratic party now in prison will be tried by revolutionary tribunals, Bolshevik leaders express the opinion that the probable penalty will be exile abroad for one year or more.

The senate, the highest Russian court, which has been abolished by the Bolsheviks today held a secret meeting at which it was determined that the members should continue in their offices.

The socialist newspapers appeared this morning without advertisements but carried a long protest against the Bolshevik advertising monopoly.

The people's commissaries continue to attempt to carry out their program. It is announced that the notorious officers of the army for which all men are eligible, will begin today. A decree abolishing all ranks and titles becomes effective tomorrow. The commissaries have declared all agricultural implements a government monopoly and all machines will be distributed for the equitable farming of all lands.

To Enter Peace Negotiations

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, according to a Reuters despatch from Petrograd, announced that if an armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

Korniloff's Cossacks Defeated

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13, 8 p. m.—In the battle near Bielgorod, according to a Bolshevik report, Gen. Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated. They retreated to Vasilievka.

In connection with the battle at Rostov, the evening newspapers report the Cossacks as victorious. The Bolshevik forces having retreated across the Don river to Nakhichevan.

A large force of Cossacks, which had decided to remain neutral, but which fought for Kaledines when disturbed by the shells. It is reported that Gen. Kaledines is prepared to negotiate with the Bolsheviks in order to avoid further bloodshed around Rostov.

"Death Battalion" Defeated

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—The Bolshevik forces have defeated a "death battalion" in the vicinity of Bielgorod, where the fighting with Korniloff and Kaledines forces centers. In the Greenburg district where General Duloff has a large force of Cossacks, there has been little fighting and the Bolsheviks have sent agitators to work among his troops. It is reported that Kaledines has been taken by the Bolsheviks after the defeat of a counter-revolutionary "death battalion."

The commander of the Black sea fleet has called upon all the sailors to fight against Kaledines, declaring that "Kaledines, together with the allied imperialists has declared civil war."

Success for Bolshevik Troops

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Bolshevik troops have occupied Tamanovka and Kaluga according to a Reuters despatch from Petrograd.

Tamanovka was occupied by troops

from Petrograd while Kaluga was captured without much fighting. The counter-revolutionary troops there were disarmed and arrested and Bolsheviks authority restored.

The commissioners with the Black sea fleet have telegraphed asking for the immediate despatch by land and water of all Black sea detachments now ashore. They also ask for a large number of machine guns. The commissioners report that military agents are attacking Rostov with armored cars.

Tamanovka is near Bielgorod in Kusk province, about 550 miles south of Moscow. There is a railroad town named Kaluga in the province of the same name, which lies about 100 miles southwest of Moscow.

Kaledines Begins Hostilities

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12, 5:30 p. m.—Gen. Kaledines has begun hostilities and is besieging the city of Rostov-on-the-Don, according to a wireless telegram received in Sebastopol from Rostov. Within Rostov the Bolsheviks have clashed with the Cossacks, who have destroyed the Bolshevik headquarters. The transport Kolchida, manned by Bolsheviks is bombarding the Kaledines forces.

Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, aged 38 years 8 months, has knit a pair of red, white and blue socks to give President Wilson as a Christmas present.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

Peter Lucas, charged with drunkenness, carrying a pistol without a permit and assault with intent to murder Christos Spanos on the night of Dec. 6th, appeared before Judge Fisher in police court this morning, but owing to the fact that the complainant is still confined to the hospital, it was agreed among counsel and the court to have the matter continued until Dec. 28.

Liquor For Soldiers

William S. Hunter was charged with being drunk and, while he did not deny the allegation, he protested his innocence when officers Moore and Conney testified that they saw him receive money from a soldier in John street about 9:30 o'clock last night, after which he went to a wholesale liquor store and returning with a pint of whiskey was about to pass it to a soldier when officer Conney grabbed him. The defendant admitted that he understood the law relative to the delivery of liquor to soldiers and knew the consequences. He admitted that he had received \$2 in money from a soldier whom he did not know, but that he had no intention of violating the law. Mr. Hunter was found guilty and will spend the next ten days in jail.

James Mahoney was another alleged liquor pedler. According to the testimony offered by officers Conney and Moore, they saw three soldiers approach Mahoney in Bridge street last night. The soldiers gave the defendant money and he went away after which he returned and had two half pints and one pint of whiskey which he turned over to the soldiers. A member of the provost guard from Camp Bureau in Ayer was with the officers at the time that the alleged delivery took place. Mahoney was found guilty and sentenced to one month in jail.

Other Offenders

Frank J. Watson pleaded not guilty to the common charge of him with the larceny of clothing from an unknown person. At the request of the govern-

ment the case was continued until next Tuesday. Watson being held under \$200 bonds for his appearance at that time.

Frank Forham, otherwise known as Frank Farham, was charged with the larceny of \$3 in money, the property of Arthur R. Humphrey, a stablekeeper in Church street. Mr. Humphrey informed the court that the defendant

worked for him several days around the stable and that on the night of the 10th of November, after going home he received word from Forham that a man who owed a bill to the stable had paid \$3. Mr. Humphrey told Forham to turn the money in the following morning, but when he came to the place the next morning he found that

Forham had not put in an appearance and after waiting for a week or more the matter was reported to the police and Forham was placed under arrest. Forham admitted he received the money and appropriated it to his own use, but said that he did so because he had to pay the rent for the house he occupied or would have been ejected by

the landlord. He also admitted that for several weeks he had neglected his wife and child. The court found the defendant guilty but placed him on probation for six months on condition that he would make restitution to Mr. Humphrey and also do better in the future and care for his family.

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SWEATERS.....\$2.00 to \$8.50
CAPE GLOVES.....\$1.50, \$2.00
MOCHA GLOVES.....\$1.85 to \$3.00
SILK NECKWEAR.....50c to \$1.50
SILK KNITTED NECKWEAR, \$1.50, \$2.00
HANDKERCHIEFS, Initial, 12½c, 25c, 50c
HANDKERCHIEFS, Silk.....50c
INITIAL BELTS.....\$1.00
INITIAL VEST CHAINS.....\$1.50
SCARF PINS and CUFF LINKS, 50c to \$1.50

MANHATTAN SHIRTS, \$2.00 to \$5.00
SILK SHIRTS.....\$4.00, \$5.00
PAJAMAS.....\$1.15 to \$3.00
UNION SUITS.....\$1.15 to \$3.00
CASHMERE HOSE, Pair.....50c
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LOWELL'S OWN TO STAGE CONCERT AND DANCE

Company C of the 302d Machine Gun battalion stationed at Ayer, which, by the way, is "Lowell's Own" company because its ranks are made up almost entirely of Lowell men, will stage a concert and dance at Associate hall



CAPT. DAVID G. MOFFATT

Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, the night after Christmas.

The proceeds of the affair will go to establish a company fund for the personal needs of the soldiers which government allowances fail to provide for. Practically all the units at Ayer as well as those in foreign service have established such a fund and the military officials look upon it kindly because it indirectly helps to maintain morale and discipline in the cantonment.

Capt. David G. Moffatt of Quincy, the commander of the Lowell boys, is more than enthusiastic over the coming affair and he is working hard to

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make it a success. There are 140 Lowell boys in Co. C, the largest number of local soldiers connected with any one unit at Camp Devens. A committee is already at work on the affair and is soliciting advertisements for the concert program from local merchants and business houses. George Clarke of Belvidere will be general manager of the dance. The committee at work at present consists of Corp. James H. Hogan, Pvt. William F. Conroy, James Sheehan, Charles Sadler and Edward O'Connor. The committee for the dance will be elected later.

The first definite steps in the matter of raising the co-operation of local clubs and organizations as well as the general public in the coming dance will be taken at a meeting to be held in Elks' hall, Middle street, next Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Commissioner James E. Donnelly has secured the use of the hall for the occasion and it is anticipated that there will be a large representation of local organizations as well as of the general public. Without the co-operation of these factors the boys in olive drab will not be able to accomplish what they wish and it is the patriotic duty of every person in Lowell who has had any experience in such affairs as the boys are planning to undertake to be present at Sunday's meeting.

BELGIANS ARE GRATEFUL FOR U.S. ARMY GIFT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A cable dispatch yesterday to the commission for relief in Belgium said the people of the sections of that country occupied by the Germans will be glad to have the trypsin clothing offered by American firms to their army soldiers to keep the Belgians warm this winter.

"Conditions in Belgium will be very severe this winter," said the dispatch, "and advice from the inside indicates that the people require a great amount of receiving the clothing, which is now being collected through the American army camps and cantonments."

Already nearly 300 complete suits of warm clothing have been boxed ready for shipment and in addition large quantities of shoes, hats, caps and under garments have been collected at the camps. When this clothing reaches Belgium it will be remade by thousands of women and men employed in such work.

The clothing committee in Brussels is supported by cash contributions and the funds of this and the many other organizations, such as those for debilitated children, milk for babies and the league against tuberculosis, the dispatch said. The refugees and soup kitchens are being largely augmented by contributions from special committees in the United States, forwarded through the commissions.

ITALIANS TORPEDO TWO AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbor of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft on the night of Dec. 9 is reported in a message received here yesterday by Commander G. Pfister of the Italian navy.

The information was contained in a telegram received by Commander Pfister from Capt. L. Vannutelli, naval attaché of the Italian embassy at Washington.

After successfully crossing several obstructions and mine fields, the dispatch said, "the Italian torpedo craft entered the harbor of Trieste, where they fired four torpedoes against two Austrian men-of-war of the Monarch type. All the torpedoes reached their targets and exploded."

Although the intense artillery fire was concentrated against the attacking torpedo boats, and though even torpedoes were fired against them, all of our units returned safely and unharmed to their home base."

A London dispatch received Wednesday quoted a Vienna official statement as saying the Austrian battleship Wien was sunk on Sunday night, the date mentioned in the foregoing communication. Most of the crew was saved.

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I call special attention to an AMERICAN WOOLEN CO. BLUE SERGE which I am showing in this sale, 14 ounce weight, all year wear, and a guaranteed fabric.

I have several ends of fancy plaid back overcoatings in browns, grays and greenish mixtures. Just the thing for the sport and trench coats for young men, included in this sale; also a number of staple patterns for the conservative dresser in oxford grays, black kerseys and vicunas. These goods would cost today around \$4.25 per yard, but I happened to get hold of a trade early in the season. To go further for the customer's benefit I have placed a number of these styles in my open doorway where you can see and handle them without entering. Prices to be

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ANY STYLE

\$15.00

GOVERNMENT TO CUT SUGAR RATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a poorless day and one wheateless and meatless meal a day, will be recommended to householders in a new kitchen card soon to be put out by the food administration. Observation of wheateless and meatless meals will be asked, in addition to the wheateless and meatless days called for now.

The normal consumption of sugar in the United States has been more than seven pounds a month for each person. If the new directions are followed universally it will cut its use to below half.

The cards will caution against hoarding foodstuffs in homes, pointing out that the practice not only is selfish, but that it contributes to high prices and defeats the purposes of the food administration in seeking an equitable distribution.

The reverse side of the card carries a message to householders on the world food situation and the duty of America towards feeding the allies.

IMMENSE PREPARATIONS FOR BIG GERMAN DRIVE

GENEVA, Dec. 14.—Swiss travelers crossing the frontier from Germany tell of immense preparations going on there for an offensive on the western front. Ammunition, provisions and materials of every kind are being concentrated in upper Rhine towns, through which military trains pass frequently bound west. Ordinary freight traffic has been suspended for ten days.

NEW YORK WANTS COAL FOR SICK AND POOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Health and market officials of New York city took steps today to relieve the sick and the poor from the most serious effects of insufficient heat through the coal shortage. In a letter to Dr. H. A. Garfield, federal food administrator, Dr. Haydon Emerson, head of the department of health, appealed for fuel to heat the homes of the sick, who he said, were dying in increasing numbers as a result of inadequate supply of heat.

An appeal for the poor was made by Dr. Henry Moskowitz, commissioner of public markets, who said in a letter to Acting Mayor Frank L. Bowlin that small dealers are taking advantage of the shortage to sell coal at inflated prices and weights at the expense of the public. The evidence of the health department is that the children which can be directly traced to low temperatures in their homes.

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assistance as they presume is within your power to give." Trainloads of coal, to be run direct from the mines to destinations, is agreed that they were excellent. The plan announced yesterday by the Lehigh Valley Railroad company to re-locate New York and other large cities. The first trainload, made up of 50 cars containing anthracite coal of domestic sizes, arrived yesterday at Perth Amboy, where it will be transferred to barges for delivery in this city and New England.

ARLINGTON WOMAN GIVES DEMONSTRATION LECTURE ON MEATLESS DINNERS

Mrs. Nellie E. Ewart of Arlington gave a demonstration lecture on a meatless dinner at the rooms of the People's club yesterday afternoon. She was introduced by Mrs. C. M. Heath, chairman of the local food conservation committee and Miss Everett, the local director of food conservation and other volunteers assisted.

Wesson oil was used as a substitute for olive oil by Mrs. Ewart in preparing the salad dressing and no butter

nor lard was used for shortening, rise again, and bake about one hour in a moderate oven.

Those who tasted the dishes prepared, agreed that they were excellent. The menu was as follows:

Dried pea cream soup—Soak one cup dried peas over night in cold water to cover. Drain, add two slices onion and one quart cold water, and cook until tender; then rub through a strainer; and add enough water to make one quart. Melt four tablespoons fat, add four tablespoons flour, and gradually the strained mixture. Add to one pint of scalded milk. Season with salt and paprika.

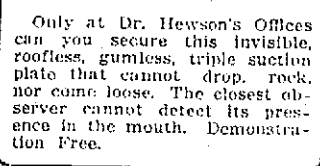
Ground oatmeal bread—Pour one cup scalded milk and one cup boiling water over one and one-half tablespoons shortening, one and one-half tablespoons salt and one-quarter cup molasses. When lukewarm, add one yeast cake dissolved in one-quarter cup lukewarm water; two cups rolled oats, put through the meat chopper; one cup buckwheat flour and about three cups white flour, or enough to make a stiff mixture. Let rise until doubled in bulk. Put in two buttered bread pans. Let

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD SMOKER

A well attended and enjoyable smoker was held under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, at the rooms in the Associate building last night. A short business session was held during the early part of the evening after which Lecturer John J. Flaherty presented an excellent musical and literary program. Reports of committees were listened to and appeals made by the officers of the council. The smoker was a success in every respect. The sleeping quarters which are to be opened Saturday nights and on other special occasions when the smokers from Camp Devens visit this city. Secretary Philip Brown will receive donations from any of the members or residents of the city and make arrangements for the transportation of the goods to the rooms. Harry C. Collins of Lowell, who has seen more than two years of active service "over there," was the principal speaker of the evening and his talk was listened to with interest by all. Rev. Fr. O'Connor of Malden, one of the chaplains at Camp Devens, also spoke briefly on camp life, and John F. Salmon of this city, one of the Knights of Columbus secretaries at Ayer and Secretary Kelleher of Springfield, also of Camp Devens, addressed the gathering briefly and in conclusion expressed their appreciation for the work already done by Lowell council. A letter of appreciation was read from Post Chaplain Fr. T. P. McGinnis.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Note—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

R. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

In "Dream Fantasies," which is at the R. F. Keith's theatre, this week, there appear three of the best symphonic dancers this city has seen in many months. Cleveland Brunner, originator of the wonderful color effects, has the role of the leading male dancer, and his work is artistic to a very marked degree. Miss Ingrid Hunter, a very pretty young Norwegian dancer, appears in a delightful role, and Miss Peggy Barnstead also adds to the gaiety of the act. This is unlike any other dance creation ever seen at the theatre. The delightful little comedy skit, "Roses," played by the Schofield, Martin Co. wins many plaudits. It is pretty and sweet and is exceptionally well done. For real knockabout comedy that holds some bright repartee, look over the work done by Johnny Jones and Marion Greenies. It matters not what they call their hodge-podge—it is funny all of the time. Other acts are: Willie Brothers, Dave Roth, Gordon & Castle. The picture feature is "The Price Mark." Phone 28.

OPERA HOUSE

Carl Mason's great dramatic success, "The Other Wife," which is being so capably presented by the New Emerson Players at the Opera House, is rightly considered one of the best of the modern stage creations. Those who are recognized critics place it well up in the ranks of superior productions of a generation and, judging from the uncommon popularity it has enjoyed in every city and theatrical centre where it has been presented, there is every reason to believe the claims of those who recognize it as one of the stage's favorite productions. Certain it is the Players have never before

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fore found a vehicle in which they can and do reflect their exceptional ability. Crowded houses and generous rounds of applause by the patrons testify to its worth so far as the local production is concerned. Robert H. Laurence is making one of his biggest hits in the character of "Devolution," the middle-aged man who is confronted by the skeleton of boyhood days and listens to the unfair and unusual demands imposed. Mr. Laurence rises to dramatic heights in several scenes, while Douglas Dumbrell and Miss Francesca Rolli are both appearing in roles that suit them to perfection. Next week the offering will be "Playthings," a real heart throb, that has vivid and tense moments in every act. Monday afternoon and night the management will give away a \$25 suit to the lady holding the lucky reserved seat coupon. This offer is good for both Monday afternoon and night. Every woman holding a reserved seat coupon is eligible.

THE STRAND

"The Grell Mystery," one of the best detective stories ever screened, with Earl Williams starring in the principal role, is enjoying uncommon success as the feature picture at The Strand for the last three days of the week. It's a great picture, with a great actor starred in it. See it and enjoy Williams in his best dramatic endeavor on the screen. Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne, two other favorites of the screen

world, are seen in their latest, "The Adopted Son," which offers not only a wonderfully interesting story of the west, but also rare opportunities in this pair of popular stars to bring to the surface their exceptional accomplishments. Bushman is called upon, as "Two Gun" Carter, to perform feats of daring and strength seldom demanded of any actor in pictures.

Besides the above two seven-act photo-plays there is the comedy, a Mack-Sennett Keystone creation, a new Strand revue and the travelogue to say nothing of the musical numbers by Miss Margaret Milles Henry and the Strand Symphony Players, directed by Arthur J. Martel.

For the first three days of next week June Blythe, the charming young star who was at the Strand in person a few weeks ago, will appear in her latest release, "The Tenth Case." Added interest is attached to this offering because of the fact that Arthur Ashley, who appeared in person at the theatre this week, directed the production. First performance Monday afternoon.

VESTRY OF FIRST TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A HAPPY SCENE

The annual supper, sale and entertainment by the Ladies' Federation of the First Trinitarian Congregational church was held in the vestry last night and attracted a large number of

parishioners and their friends. Supper was served at 5.30 o'clock and this was followed by an entertainment by the children under the supervision of Mrs. Charles T. Upton. Readings were given by Miss Florence Cutting, and shadow-graphs by Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Charles Abare.

The various committees in charge of the tables and booths were as follows: The S.T.S. table was presided over by Misses Eleanor Clifford, chairman; Jennie Clark, Agnes Robertson, Ida Higgins, Elizabeth Tiffany, Grace Hoyt, Leona Harvey, Mary Stickney, Bartha George, Mabel George, Mabel Carter, Elizabeth Dykes, Mrs. John Buckley, Mrs. Raymond Conn, Mrs. Ralph Locke, Mrs. Joseph Miller and Mrs. Edward Stanley.

The children's table was looked after by Miss Parker, Mrs. Koser and Mrs. French.

The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. Nelson Hill and Miss Margaret Robertson, chairman; Mrs. Geo. Ames, Mrs. O. A. Brigham, Mrs. Cover, Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Conant, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Clary, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Coburn, Mrs. Sturtevant, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. MacAdams, Mrs. Claus, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Dane, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Keizer, Mrs. Farnham, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Cashion, Mrs. Savard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Polson, Mrs. Bodell, Mrs. Merrill, and Mrs. Gamble, Miss Wheeler, Misses Buss, Miss Atwell, Miss Upton, Miss Wallace, Miss Dane, Miss Wisley and Miss Cloyd.

Dining room: Mrs. Petrie, chairman; Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Housell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Summer and Miss Kennedy.

Kitchen: Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Cutting, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Abare, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Lumberg. The apron table was in charge of: Mrs. W. T. Griffin, chairman; Mrs. Annie Hill, assistant chairman; Mrs. Bamber, Mrs. York, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. D. J. Farley, Mrs. W. H. Harvey, Mrs. H. J. Willard, Miss Alice Phillips and Mrs. Clara J. Dearden.

The affair was under the supervision of Mrs. William Wright, president of the federation.

COTTON CONSUMPTION DURING NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumption during November was 590,763 running bales, the census bureau today announced.

Consumption for the four months was 2,277,181 bales last year. Consumption during November was 585,044 bales and for the four month period 2,219,767 bales.

Cotton on hand Nov. 30 in consuming establishments was 1,408,327 bales compared with 2,198,502 a year ago in public storage and at compresses 3,745,485 compared with 4,058,797 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active during November numbered 33,504,550 compared with 33,758,945 a year ago.

Imports of foreign cotton were 7,933 bales compared with 13,300 a year ago. Exports for November were 418,855 bales of lint and 9,700 of lintless compared with 733,270 of lint and 8058 of lintless a year ago and for the four months period 1,851,157 of lint and 98,938 of lintless, compared with 2,494,883 of lint and 33,155 of lintless a year ago.

One Deerfield, N. H., hunter has killed 30 coons and two wild cats so far this season.

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Lettuce 5c
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4 lbs. 10c

Ripe Fresh Tomatoes, lb. 15c

Cooking Apples, pk. 30c

Cabbage, lb. 25c

Red Cabbage, lb. 25c

Kale, pk. 25c

Radish, 3 bunches 10c

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Horseradish, bot. 15c

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Chops 13c, 15c

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Prime Rib Roast, lb. 15c up

Tip End Sirloin Roast, lb. 17c

Yearling Leg and Loin, lb. 10c, 13c

Legs of Fancy Yearling, lb. 12c, 15c

Yearling Forequarter, lb. 9c, 12c

Gen. Lamb Leg and Loin, lb. 27c

Legs of Genuine Lamb, lb. 30c

Genuine Lamb Fores, lb. 23c, 25c

Lamb to Stew, selected pcs., lb. 12c

Small Pork Loins, lb. 22c, 27c

Pork Shoulders, lb. 23c, 25c

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Fresh Pork Loins, lb. 23c, 25c, 27c

Fresh Pigs' Feet, 2 lbs. 15c

Fr. Skin Back Shoulders, lb. 25c

Native Dressed Pigs, lb. 26c up

Milk Fed Fowl, lb. 24, 27c

Vermont Turkey, lb. 28c, 32c

Rhode Island Ducks, lb. 23c, 25c

Maryland Geese, lb. 23c

Armour's Star Hams, lb. 32c

Smoked Shoulders, lb. 23 1/2c, 25c

Danahy's Bacon, strip, lb. 39c

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Smoked Brisket Bacon, lb. 37c

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Thick Rib, Bone Out, lb. 16c

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Fancy Brisket, lb. 18c, 20c

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Tenderloin, lb. 20c, 25c

Round, lb. 20c, 22c, 25c, 30c

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Veal Steak, lb. 22c, 25c

Yearling Chops, lb. 15c

Lamb Chops, lb. 20c, 25c

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Crepe de Chine, Washable Satin and Silk Camisoles, with dainty lace trimmings, with and without sleeves and ribbon straps. From 50c to \$1.98

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Brocaded Ribbons in all the light shades; suitable for camisoles; also stain satin, 8 inches wide 39c to 49c yard

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Christmas Ribbon for tying parcels; five and ten yard rolls.

BABY THINGS

CHALIFOUX VALUE

Children's Knitted Booties, long or short, embroidered, wool or silk 25c to 98c

Children's Knitted Saques in white, pink and blue; some embroidered; others fastened down front and with collars, 98c to \$1.98

Children's All Wool Sweaters, all the newest styles and colors, sizes 1 to 4 years, \$1.98 to \$2.98

Children's Mittens, with or without thumb; all white, white and pink, or white and blue; silk or wool 25c to 98c

Children's Beacon Bath Robes in pink, blue, open, red, brown, navy or Indian patterns; sizes 2 to 6 years \$1.49 to \$1.98

Children's Poplin Rompers, embroidered and smocked; blue or pink; sizes 1 to 4 years, 98c to \$1.98

Babies' Sets, consisting of comb, brush, soap and puff boxes, hand painted, 49c to 98c

Babies' Rattles 49c

Babies' Fur Carriage Robes, with or without pockets, \$2.98 to \$7.50

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White Voile Blouses with dainty lace trimmings, large collars, frills and jabot effects; beautiful assortment \$1.98

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GIFT APRONS

CHALIFOUX VALUE

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BOUDOIR CAPS

CHALIFOUX VALUE

Pink, blue, lavender, green and all good shades 25c

GIFT SLIPPERS

CHALIFOUX VALUE

From the Underprice Basement Women's Indian Moccasins, made of tan Elk with extra leather stitched under sole; trimmed with fancy beaded designs. Priced \$1.98

Women's Felt Slippers, made of best quality felt; Juliette style, ribbon and fur trimmed; hand turned leather soles. Red, gray and black 98c

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Women's Black with White Kid Gloves in full pique and out seams and overseams. One and two clasps \$2.00

Women's French Kid Gloves in gray, with three rows black embroidery \$2.50

Women's Battleship Gray and Washable Kid Gloves, two clasps, black embroidered. Priced \$3.00

Women's White, Tan and Ivory Gauntlet Gloves in extra fine quality of leather. With three rows of black embroidery \$2.50

Women's Imported Kid Gloves in white and black with three rows of embroidery \$1.75

Women's Extra Heavy Double Silk Gloves in black, tan, gray and embroidered in black \$1.50

Boys' Jersey Fleece Lined Gloves in gray and khaki 50c

Boys' Gray Mocha Lined Gloves 75c

Boys' Velour Gauntlet Gloves, 50c and 75c

Boys' Gray Mocha Lined Gloves, \$1.50

Boys' Heavy Wool Mitts, 38c

Boys' Wool Gloves in plain and fancy colors 38c and 50c

Boys' Leather Wool Lined Mitts 38c

Boys' Leather Gauntlet Gloves with wool lining 50c

Men's Gray Mocha Good Lined Gloves \$2.00

Men's Unlined Cape Gloves in tan \$1.25

Men's Washable Kid Gloves in gray with fancy back \$2.00

Men's Gray Mocha Gloves with Black back \$3.00

Men's Heavy Wool Gloves in black \$1.00

Men's Scotch Wool Gloves \$1.50

Men's Gray Mocha Squirrel Lined Gloves \$4, \$5 and \$6

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Sewing Kits \$3.00
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Men's Fibre Silk Half Hose, in black. All sizes, 35c, 3 for \$1.00

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Men's Full Fashioned Silk and Wool Half Hose in black and white 75c

Men's Extra Quality Cashmere Half Hose in black and oxford gray 39c

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Mid-Summer Rose Perfume; put up in Liberty packages, \$1.00

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Wardwone Line Correspondence Cards 50c

Sawaco Fabio 75c, \$1.25

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CHALIFOUX VALUE

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, well known "Merrill" and "Kaysen" makes in black, white and colors; reinforced heel and sole. Priced \$1.69

Women's Fancy Novelties in Pure Thread Silk Hose, including vertical and horizontal stripes and dots. Priced \$1.00 and \$1.15

Women's Full Fashioned Pure Thread Silk Hose in black, white and colors; high spliced heel and double sole. Priced \$1.15

Women's Black Cashmere Hose, reinforced heel and toe; regular and outsizes. Priced 50c, 69c and 75c

Women's Black Fibre and Japanese Silk Hose, reinforced heel and sole, and elastic top of lisle. Priced 79c

Women's Fibre Silk Hose, in black, white and colors; including a few novelties 59c

Women's Black Fibre Silk Hose, slightly imperfect: high spliced heel and double sole, 39c

Women's Full Fashioned and Seamless Hose, reinforced heel and sole, hem, and ribbed garter top. Priced 35c, 3 pairs, \$1.00

Women's Merino Hose in plain black, black with gray heel and toe, and oxford gray, 38c, 2 pairs for 75c

Misses' Fine Ribbed Cotton Hose in black and white, sizes 6 to 9 1/2. Priced 29c

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DENY WOMAN SPY
EXECUTED IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Persistent repetition of a story that a woman spy had been executed in the United States has caused the state department to send an official denial to American consuls and legations in the European neutral countries. The story originated in Germany and its wide-spread use is regarded as another case of propaganda. The name of the woman was given as Anna Hulstema. Ordinarily no attention would have been paid to a story so palpably false, but in this case credence appeared to have been given to it in neutral countries.

CAN WOMEN KEEP SECRET?
ASK THE UNITED STATES

Lieutenant Adelaide B. Baylis heads an organization of women war workers in New York, who have smashed the old gag about women and secrets.

You have Uncle Sam's words for that. He is using the volunteer Women's Motor Corps on work that requires "secrecy first," such as



LIEUT. ADELAIDE BAYLIS

chauffeur for ambassadors and secret service men and carrying secret official messages. Lieutenant Baylis has enlisted 30 active members, and a number of others who loan automobiles. The Red Cross has designated this corps as its official motor service in New York. Applicants must pass severe tests in handling cars and mechanics. Three members of the organization are now in France driving motor ambulances.

What to Buy Her

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Big warm Sweaters for skating and winter wear. All colors; all sizes—

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- Skating Caps.....59c up
- Matched Sets, 98c, \$1.98 to \$3.98

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The most acceptable of gifts. The prettiest designs are all here; immense assortment of the best quality robes.....\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$9.75

HOLIDAY STOCKS OF KIMONOS—

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They came in today. Values to \$18.75. Xmas prices.....\$9.90 and \$11.90

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Flowered Patterns in Satin and Heatherbloom—\$1.39 and \$1.98—worth double.

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XMAS WAISTS

The showing this season surpasses all previous efforts. The most stylish models in wanted materials.

- Georgette Crepe Waists...\$3.98, \$5.98 to \$15.00
- Lingerie Waists.....95c, \$1.49, \$1.98 to \$8.50
- Crepe de Chine and Striped Taffeta, also Pretty Laces.

MAN CONFRONTED BY TENTH WIFE DIES

NEWSBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Samuel Oakley Crawford, better known as "Rev. Arthur Worthington," one of the cleverest characters in modern criminal history, died under dramatic circumstances in jail here yesterday. Crawford, who was 72 years old, collapsed when confronted by Mrs. Jennie A. Showalter of Wilmington, Del., who identified him as a man she had married in July, 1916, under the name of Charles Graham Boone. Two months later, she says, he decamped with \$2500, all her savings. When the woman appeared before him yesterday he stared at her for a moment, and then sank to the floor with a groan. He was dead before a physician could reach him. Crawford had been in jail since January, when he was arrested for swindling the Rev. Dr. Stanley of New Hamburg out of several hundred dollars while a member of the Presbytery. After being deposed he fled, but was found in the National Soldiers' home at Newport News.

Married Ten Women

Crawford's career reads like an imaginative story of criminal fiction. His years of crime reached nearly forty, and in that time he is believed to have obtained fraudulently and spent more than \$1,000,000 and to have married ten women bigamously. Up to the time he obtained the pastorate of the New Hamburg church he had posed as lawyer, banker, political orator, literature, real estate operator, spiritualist, organizer, free love

exponent, Christian Science healer, insurance agent, judge, captain, major, colonel and general in the regular army, Unitarian minister, Mormon preacher, actor, publicist, lecturer and member of a long list of various cults.

Crawford never could blame his early start in life or his bringing up for his criminal propensities. He was born in Saugerties and as a boy enlisted in the civil war. After the war he studied law at Columbia and graduated in the class of 1867.

In 1888 he married the first of the women who have called him husband. Two years later he deserted her and departed with all the money he had got from her and her friends. Then he took to horse trading, but conducted it in such a manner that he soon found himself in the Albany penitentiary. After his release, he continued most of his efforts to swindling women of their savings by marriage and desertion. On the side, however, he forged, bagged and borrowed. An actress wife, deserted after three years, returned to the stage, saved her money and paid all his debts of which she knew.

Jailed in Australia

He continually led a stroller's life, and traveled to many foreign countries. He established a religious cult in New Zealand, but it was too much for the New Zealanders and he was sent out of the country. He was next heard of in Tasmania, and then in Melbourne, where he was jailed for forgery and served seven years.

Europe he traveled over without cost to himself, but greatly to the discomfort of others, and then returned to this country. One of his most remarkable achievements here was the obtaining of \$6000 from the Mormons in Utah on some swindling pretense. Only once in his career did Crawford work in partnership with another. That was in 1881 and 1882, when he joined forces with a notorious English swindler known as "Lord Ashton." In those years Crawford was known as Arlington Buckingham Wadsworth Worthington. The pair got into society in Chicago and Boston, parting with each other in the Massachusetts city, where Crawford started his operations among the spiritualists.

Got \$29,000 from Bride

In 1886 he appeared in Griffin, Ga., where he met a heiress to \$50,000 and married her. He was then posing as "Judge John E. Crawford." After a honeymoon trip to Europe Crawford persuaded his bride to part with \$24,000, with which he told her he would start a banking business. Instead he deserted her, going to Spokane, where he lived as a high roller for a year, spending most of the sum he had stolen.

He bobbed up next in Providence as Gen. A. P. Ward and told her he was wounded while serving in the Union army. There he met Miss Emma Mary Perry, an heiress to \$20,000, and married her. Soon afterward he disappeared after inducing his bride to give him most of her money.

It was in 1911 that he appeared in Roughkepsie and told the local ministers that he was a graduate of Oxford and a minister, but had lost his papers in a shipwreck. He was soon assigned to the New Hamburg church, but overworked his practice by borrowing money until suspicions were aroused and his career investigated.

After he decamped the news of his marriage to Mrs. Showalter of Wilmington came to the swindled clergyman and detectives were sent after him. He managed to evade them until last January.

Even then it was found he had won the confidence of the inmates that they offered to make up a purse for his defence. Several of them offered \$100 each on his assertion that he was innocent.

Because an enemy alien of Hartford, Conn., failed to get a barred woman who couldn't attend his own wedding.

BURGLAR SURPRISED BY WATCHMAN LEAPS FROM WINDOW—LATER ARRESTED

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 14.—Night Watchmen Joseph Christian and John B. Langlais, early this morning at a burglar about to blow open a safe containing \$1800. At the point of a revolver he drove the watchmen into an adjoining office and while one of them stood three shots through the door the burglar ran to a second floor window and jumped. Later a man giving a name as Henry Joseph Elmer, 47, Quincy, Mass., was captured by police a quarter of a mile away. One leg was

sprained and bones in other ankle broken. Police say he will be arraigned tonight on breaking and entering charges.

RAIL PLAYERS ENLIST

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 14.—John Paul Jones and A. W. Bair, members of the New York Nationals, and Frank Carmody of the Pittsburg Nationals, have enlisted in the navy. Jones left last night for New Orleans, where he will be assigned to a naval training station. Bair and Carmody are awaiting orders here to report for duty as members of the signal corps of the naval reserve.



AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

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2.98 to 7.50

Dainty Crepe de Chine Gowns, pretty ribbon and lace trimmed styles, 3.98 to 7.50

Camisoles of crepe de chine and washable satin, wide lace insertion and hemstitched styles, 59c to 1.98

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The Charm of These Dainty Blouses is a Portrayal of Our Exceptional Values Offered for Christmas Suggestions

Pretty Volles in tailored and dressy models, new arrivals amongst the showing in high and low neck styles.

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New Satin Walsts in white, flesh and corn shade, deep sailor collar and large pearl buttons.

Specially priced,

1.98



Alluring Crepe de Chine Blouses, numerous styles with dainty trimmings, in elaborate and tailored models.

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Striped and Plain Taffeta and Satin Blouses in a confusion of contrasting colors, tailored styles.

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Neckwear

The season's newest modes, in Georgette, Voile, Washable Satin and Pique Collars, numerous styles in an endless variety,

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Figured Lawns, Dotted Swiss and neat Voile Aprons. Many designs with pretty insertions and colored ribbons and plain hemstitched models,

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Lacey and Net Styles also plain Georgette and Satin appropriately trimmed with colored Rosebuds,

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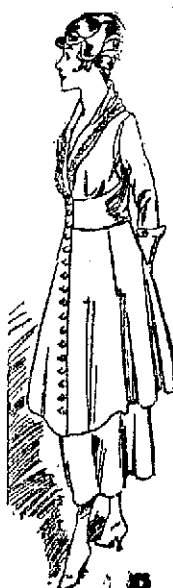
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Abounding in interest are these Stylish Winter Coats for Women and Misses. Plain and fur collar models in Kerseys, Velours, Pom Poms, Broadcloth and the famous guaranteed Salts Plush. In cloth, the colorings are: Beetroot, brown, green, navy, burgundy and black. Styled in the newest belted and conservative models. Reprising places these extraordinary values on sale Friday and Saturday.

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Of 6 to 14 years.

Materials in warm Melton, Velours, Pom Pom, Corduroys and Velvets.

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Of 6 to 14 years.

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At 1-3 Off Former Prices



Sweaters

Warmly appreciated these cold days. All the wanted shades in Fine Knit, Brushed Wool and Angora; trench style. Coates and middy effects. Specially priced

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"Beacon" Blanket Robes with self and braid trimmed and flowered and Navajo Indian patterns,

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Values Well Deserving of Your Admiration

Black Sateen Petticoats 98c

Petticoats with sateen tops and taffeta flounce 1.98

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Fine sample Silk Petticoats in all the desirable changeable shades3.98

LIBERTY BONDS TAKEN AS CASH ON ALL PURCHASES

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ROB WORCESTER BANK

WORCESTER, Dec. 14.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Bay State Savings bank at 476 Main street, yesterday afternoon. A man about 25 years old held up Thomas Boland, the teller, at the point of a revolver, and demanded \$100. Boland tried to get to a telephone to call the police, but the man threatened to shoot if he moved nearer the telephone. Boland then walked to a window and rapped on the glass, attracting the attention of Traffic Officer Northridge. The hold-up man apparently had a woman confederate who entered the bank shortly before he did. She asked the teller to change a \$1 bill into dimes. While Boland was doing this,

the hold-up man came in and made this demand. The woman stood by while the stranger tried to intimidate Boland, and after Boland rapped on the window for Officer Northridge, she apparently faintly to hold Boland's attention while her companion made his get-away. As Officer Northridge ran up the stairs to the bank, the man walked calmly down by him. The officer allowed the man to continue down the stairs, which are used by the general public for the many offices in the upper floors. While Boland was explaining to the officer the attempted robbery, the woman also escaped. The bank is on the floor just below the offices of the Worcester bureau of the state police. Boland describes the man as having a swarthy face marked with pimples. He is about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, wore a cap and eye-glasses.

ALL SISTERS IN ST. VINCENT CONVENT AT HALIFAX ARE SAFE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—Sister Mary Constance, mother superior of

St. Vincent convent in Rockingham, which was practically destroyed in the recent disaster, yesterday said that all the Catholic Sisters in the institution escaped without serious injury. In fact, only one was injured. She is Sister Marie Claudia. She was seated before a sewing machine at the time of the explosion and when the concussion shattered the windows in the convent she received a slight cut on one arm. The machine was toppled over by the violence of the explosion. Despite the fact that the convent is a large building and was severely damaged, the sisters still occupy it, carrying on their work of mercy. A number of sister from Boston and vicinity are in St. Vincent convent, and it is known here that their relatives in Boston have been extremely anxious regarding their fate. The convent, which the sisters still occupy, is habitable, but it will have to be rebuilt almost entirely. Sister Mary Constance, mother superior, is the daughter of the late Michael Kelly of 18 Dewey street, Roxbury, and a sister of Miss Sadie Kelly and Mrs. George Snelling of the same address.

and that it is essential to the health of the purchaser. The prescription must then be sent with the order to the place where the liquor is purchased. The goods must be placed under showing that the contents of the package is liquor, intended for medicinal uses. The prescription must also be pasted on the outside of the package. Liquor which comes into the state in this fashion will be protected from seizure.

WOULD OUST DISTRICT ATTORNEY PELLETIER

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—A petition for the impeachment of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier was filed yesterday with the clerk of the supreme judicial court. It was signed by the Rev. Frederick B. Allen, president of the Watch and Ward society, and Godfrey L. Cabot, treasurer of the society. The petition sets forth that the district attorney has given but little time to his duties, has not prosecuted many cases which should have been tried, has neglected to collect money or property deposited in his office,

inal cases and has thus encouraged a class of professional bondsmen, and that he has refused to proceed with or demand punishment in certain cases where there was no doubt as to the guilt of the parties.

"BEAUTY PARLOR" FOR SOLDIERS AT MEDFORD RAIDED—"CORN CURB" WAS WHISKEY

MEDFORD, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The "Beauty Parlor" on the main street of Medford, at which hair restorer and corn cures were sold to officers and men from Camp Upton, was raided yesterday by United States Marshal Power. He placed under arrest Lucy Askins, 35 years old, and Mae Burnie, five years younger, who conducted the establishment. They are charged with selling liquor to soldiers and with selling liquor without a license. An accident at the Medford railroad station a week ago led to the raid. The day was cold and the station agent permitted to slip through his numb fingers an express package labelled "corn cure". A secret service agent who had sauntered up for a chat with the station agent, saw it gave every indication of being a flask of whiskey and the raid resulted.

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY At a recent meeting of the Lowell Historical society held in the rooms of the organization in the Memorial building, Hon. Samuel P. Hadley reviewed Rev. Wilson Waters' recently completed "History of Chelmsford," a 1000-page volume which has been published by the town of Chelmsford at a cost of \$4000. Resolutions of a congratulatory nature were adopted at the meeting in favor of Mr. Waters. After he had reviewed the volume Judge Hadley spoke reminiscences of the leading men of Chelmsford in the early days, when he had known

ROY RESCUES FLAG IN SCHOOL BLAZE AT CENTRAL FALLS, RHODE ISLAND

fire yesterday afternoon in the Kendall street schoolhouse, while teachers and pupils were at dinner, destroyed a section of the roof and a portion of the south end of the building, the damage being estimated at \$3000. There is no insurance.

Clarence Whitmore, a pupil, dashed into a burning room where an American flag was displayed on the walls and was cheered by his schoolmates as he

CHAIRMAN OF WAR COUNCIL OF RED CROSS HONORED IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Red Cross workers rallied in this city today to greet Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross. A luncheon was tendered him by business men of Boston, and a Red Cross conference attended by representatives of chapters all over New England was held later. There will be a Red Cross mass meeting in Tremont Temple tonight.

A Perpetual War of Germs

In every human body there is continual strife between the forces of health and disease, while headaches, nervousness and frequent colds mean weakness and forerunners of sickness. In changing seasons your system needs the oil-food

SCOTT'S EMULSION

to increase the red corpuscles of the blood and create that relative power which thwarts colds, tonsillitis, throat troubles and rheumatism.

Scott's is a high-powered medicinal-food without drugs or alcohol. One bottle now may prevent a sickness. The imported Mergel and live oil used in Scott's Emulsion is now reduced to our own American in a form which guarantees it free from impurities.

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The kind used in stables and garages and on walks and driveways\$1.10

14-Inch Push Brooms, with five rows of rattan69c

Free City Motor Delivery.

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11 MARKET STREET

NEW RULES FOR GETTING LIQUOR IN MAINE

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 14.—Sheriff Graham has issued an ultimatum to the effect that the words "for medicinal purposes" will not be sufficient to protect liquor from seizure at railroad and steamship terminals. He has outlined the only system whereby liquor for medicinal use may hereafter be legally shipped into Maine. The first step must be to procure a prescription from a resident physician stating how much liquor is required

GARFIELD SAYS N.E. COAL RELIEF SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Many phases of the government's war-time activities were explained by officials yesterday to an editorial conference of the Associated Business Newspapers, representing more than 150 trade and technical journals.

Plans to make holders of Liberty bonds and war savings certificates permanent creditors of the government after the war are under consideration, Frederick A. Delano of the federal reserve board told the conference.

Additional ships for the movement of coal soon will be put into the coast-wise trade, Fuel Administrator Garfield said.

Sec. Baker, he said, had promised to detail mine layers to act as tugs for

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If you will walk in and ask questions, our salesmen will gladly post you on the good points of P&Q clothes.

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CLOTHES FOR MEN

48 CENTRAL ST., OPP. MIDDLE ST.

CLEAN MEN MAKE THE BEST FIGHTERS

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., December.—"When I was a boy my mother used to make me wash my ears a dozen times a day.

"Well—the army is worse. Just like home, uh—hub—only more so."

As the soldier talked he plunged his soap-covered paws into a basin of water.

He and his thousands of comrades here have learned that sanitation and cleanliness are just as important in army life as the knowledge of bayonet handling and rifle practice.

This is a hand-washing, teeth-scrubbing, bath-taking army as well as a fighting one.

Uncle Sam's representatives are leaving nothing undone in their work to



This Camp Lewis rookie has been convinced that ear washing is as important as rifle practice.

keep the health of the camp up to the highest possible peak.

The strictest sort of sanitary regulations are enforced. Scientific guards against typhoid and other camp diseases are maintained and the possibility of a serious epidemic reduced to a minimum.

Mess halls and kitchens must be kept clean. Swatting the fly is a general duty. The camp grounds are "policed" for rubbish. No refuse is allowed to accumulate. Sweepings, scrap paper and waste are collected in cans and burned in the big incinerator.

Garbage from the kitchens is carted away by a rancher—26 tons of it daily—and fed to 3000 hogs.

There are also two tons of tin cans thrown out each day. Another contractor hauls them away.

As a result of this careful sanitary campaign there is little real waste in a cantonment housing 40,000 men.

Rigorous health precautions do not terminate at the boundaries of the camp. An extra-cantonment zone, under control of government and state health officials, is maintained in a district from five to ten miles around the camp.

Farms, dairies and the sources of water and food supplies in this area have been surveyed. Wherever harmful conditions have been found the owners have been assisted by sanitary inspectors in making desired improvements.

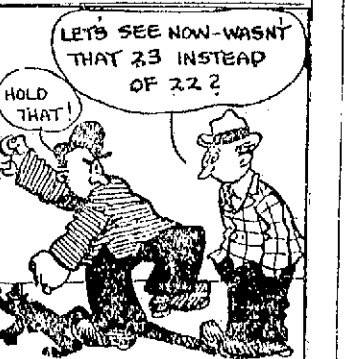
The men of the western army are not worrying much about "catching something."

Modern knowledge of camp sanitation and the establishment of the big "health circle" around the cantonment have raised an effective barrier against disease, giving the men a free chance to learn the trade of the soldier.



He's Sam Frisco, and he's mascot of an ammunition train wagon company at Camp Lewis, Wash. He's whetting his horns to give "Kaiser Bill" a ride. Postscript: Look out Bill!

NANNY-NABBERS.



THE EGG WHO WANTS TO BE KNOWN AS LEARNED AND IS ALWAYS CORRECTING YOU ON TRIVIAL THINGS WHEN THEY DON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE.

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Is bringing a big business to all departments of our store right through the Christmas shopping season. Here's a special advertisement for both men and women. See also our full page Christmas ad on Page 5.



CHALIFOUX'S Was Ready For the Cold Spell

LAST WEEK WHEN "OLD MERC" WENT DOWN BELOW ZERO THERE WAS A RUSH FOR—

Chalifoux's Trench Coats At \$15, \$18 and \$20

We had the coats to meet the demand. Plenty more for Friday and Saturday. Plenty for next week and next month.

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SLASH POCKETS
CONVERTIBLE COLLARS
SINGLE OR DOUBLE BREASTED
PLAIN OR FANCY MIXTURES
SIZES 32 TO 42

\$15 \$18 \$20

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MOLE SKIN ULSTERS, sheep skin lined, wombat collars \$25.00
CLUB BAGS \$1.50 to \$18.00
SUIT CASES \$1.50 to \$10.00
BATH ROBES \$5.00 to \$8.00
HOUSE COATS \$5.00 to \$15.00

SHOES for the FAMILY

Sometimes the biggest values are found in a little "ad" like this.

Women's Shoes, soft vict vamp with felt lace tops, flannel lined, made on broad last with common sense heels. Sizes 3 to 8 \$1.95
"Trot Moo" Shoes for children. Black and tan, lace and buttoned style, made on back-to-nature last. These shoes cannot fail to please as a Christmas gift for they are the best made. All hand sewed. Sizes 7 to 11, 11-12 to 2 \$2.25
Men's Army Shoes, heavy tan leather, regulation style, Goodyear welt, Munson last \$4.05
Boys' Tan High Cut Shoes with strap and buckle— Sizes 11 to 13 1-2 \$2.25
Boys' Tan High Cut Shoes with Sizes 1 to 6 1-2 \$2.75

Boys' Tan or Black Scout Shoes, kangaroo calf, sizes 9 to 13 1-2 \$1.40
STREET FLOOR SHOE DEPT.
Men's Ellis and Bannister Shoes, made in tan calf, mahogany gum metal calf, vict kid, glazed kangaroo, and patent calf. English and blucher styles, all styles and widths.
Women's Storm Boots, made in tan calf, lace and blucher style, military heels \$6.50
Women's Trot Moo Storm Boots, made from "Indian Tanned" moose A sensible street shoe for winter wear. Made in lace 11 inch and medium heels. Price \$7.50

New Winter Styles in Millinery---Fur Hats

Only 2 Dozen Black and Colored Velvet Untrimmed Hats. The last of our stock. Made of Lyons Velvet. Very good shapes. Medium and large. Regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 value. Priced \$2.98

A Few of the New Satin and Fur Hats in the latest shapes. Colors are taupe, blue, brown and gold, and black, \$4.95
Very Fine Quality Silk Beaver Hats. Only nine left in stock. No two shapes alike. Priced \$5.00
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The coats are so fine and the prices so low that they would almost sell (at these prices) in mid-summer.

Typical mid-winter coats. Coats that will bundle you up and keep you as warm as toast on day like last Wednesday.

Coats for zero weather.

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Fur or convertible collars. All sizes and colors. Black.

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Boys' Wash Suits in new styles, \$1.00 to \$3.00

Juvenile Suits, in woolen goods, velvets, corduroys, and serge. Sizes 3 to 8. Prices \$2.98 to \$6.50

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Sizes 10 to 18 years, \$6.50 to \$10.00

Boys' Mackinaws. The coat that has no equal for school wear or play. It gives free movement to the legs. Prices \$4.00 to \$8.00

Boys' Black Rubber Raincoats, the coat that every boy needs. Sizes 4 to 16 years. Prices \$3.00 to \$3.50



Boys' Bath Robes, heavy warm material, rich colorings. Sizes 6 to 16 years. Prices, \$3.00 to \$4.00

Boys' Bell Blouses. Flannel, gray and khaki, 59c, 69c, \$1.00

Also a good assortment of Fancy Bell Blouses. \$1.00

IT IS SAFE TO BUY FURS AT CHALIFOUX'S

This store undertakes to protect you against misrepresentation in Furs. Furs are fine gifts, provided they give real satisfaction. We don't want to discourage you in regard to buying Furs for Christmas, but we do want to encourage you to select your furs where intrinsic value is an absolute certainty.

MUFFS

Black Coney \$3.95, \$4.95, \$9.95
Black Hare \$6.95, \$12.95
Black Opossum \$4.95, \$12.95
Stone Opossum \$6.95, \$10.00
Taupe Coney \$4.95, \$9.95
Silver Fox \$7.50, \$9.95
Red Fox \$7.50, \$50.00
Natural Muskrat \$6.95, \$10.00
Gray Squirrel \$22.95
Nutria Beaver \$9.95, \$16.95
Genuine Beaver \$24.95
Aus. Opossum \$24.95
Black Fox \$22.95, \$59.95
Taupe Fox \$22.95
Natural Raccoon \$12.95, \$22.95
Trench Seal \$14.95, \$22.95

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Stone Opossum \$12.95
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Gray Squirrel \$19.95
Nutria Beaver \$9.95, \$16.95
Genuine Beaver \$24.95
Aus. Opossum \$29.95
Black Fox \$22.95, \$42.95
Taupe Fox \$24.95
Natural Raccoon \$10.95, \$19.95
Trench Seal \$22.95, \$50.00

Children's Fur Sets \$1.95, \$3.95, \$5.95 and up to \$18.50
Fur Coats, natural muskrat, raccoon, marmot and Hudson seal, \$89.50 to \$275.00



Butterick's Patterns

The January Fashion Sheets and Patterns have arrived, also the Delineators and Fashion Books.

Palmer Street—Right Aisle

Brassieres

Essentially a feminine gift but attractively done up they're as pretty and acceptable as anything that goes from one woman to another. An extensive variety of models is here for your choosing, suitable floral figures, all over lace and hemburg and lace trimmed. Bandeaux also in silk, brocade and satin, flesh and white colors.

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This looks like an umbrella year for fashion has shifted from the long, awkward handles to short chubby affairs which are much more convenient to handle. Our department as usual offers the biggest selection in this vicinity for women, children and men.

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Tapestry Portieres.....\$3.98 to \$18.00 a Pair

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French Velour Covers, worth \$18.00.....\$12.00

Tapestries by the yard for upholstering and coverings of all kinds.....\$1.25 to \$3.50 Yard

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From the narrow baby width to the wide bag patterns, all are assembled here, ready to be fashioned into Bags, Camisoles, Slippers, Boudoir Caps and other Holiday Gifts.

Fancy Ribbons in many styles and colorings for making bags and all kinds of fancy work, 7 inches wide, at

39c Yard

Novelty Ribbons, including many beautiful designs, in stripes and allover effects, light and dark dresdens, especially used for making shopping and knitting bags, 7 inches wide, at

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Plain and Moire Taffeta Ribbons, good quality for hair bows, sashes and bag linings, plenty of dark and light colors, 5 1-4 inches wide, at

25c and 29c Yard

Moire and Fancy Taffeta Ribbons, good quality for hairbows and sashes, 5 1-4 inches wide, at

19c Yard

Warp Print Ribbons, an attractive lot of light colorings, suitable designs for making holiday and fancy articles, at.....

19c to 25c Yard

Scotch Plaids, a very suitable hairbow gift, 6 inches wide, at.....

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Jacquard Warp Prints, beautiful color combinations, Persian patterns and stripes, very desirable for neckties and other holiday gifts, 5 1-2 and 6 inches wide, at.....

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Wash Ribbons, in all the new and staple patterns.

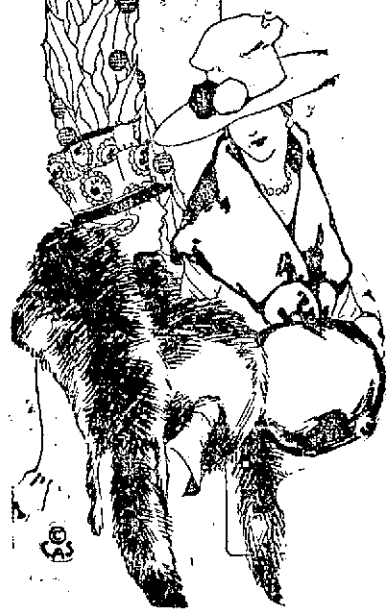
Ribbons for tying Xmas packages, in a large assortment of new designs.

Our salesladies will gladly give suggestions and instructions in making fancy articles, also bows made and rosettes tied free of charge.

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**FURS
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With Complete
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**FUR
COATS**

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Natural Muskrat Coats.....\$75.00 to \$125

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Natural Leopard Cat Coats.....\$85

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Mole Sets.....\$65.00

Black Fox Sets, \$50.00 to \$75.00

Black Wolf Sets.....\$30.00

Hudson Seal Sets, \$27.50 to \$40.00

Natural Raccoon Sets, \$25.00 to \$40.00

Blended Muskrat Sets.....\$30.00

Natural Raccoon Muffs, \$15.00 to \$25.00

Black Fox Muffs, \$25.00 to \$40.00

Black Lynx Muffs, \$40.00, \$45.00

Hudson Seal Muffs, \$15.00, \$20.00

Beaver Muffs.....\$35.00

Nutria Muffs.....\$15.00

Skunk Muffs.....\$37.50, \$45.00

Black Coney Muffs, \$5.00, \$7.50

Natural Raccoon Scarfs, \$12.50 to \$25.00

Taupe Wolf Scarfs, \$18.50 to \$30.00

FURS FOR CHILDREN AND MISSES

Natural Opossum Sets.....\$12.50

Red Fox Sets.....\$15.00

Catagonia Fox Sets.....\$25.00

Natural Badger Sets.....\$15.00

Children's Fur Sets...98c to \$7.50

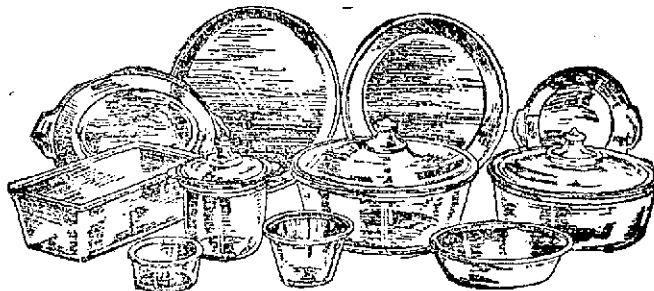
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Round Casseroles.....\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00

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PYREX CASSEROLES, round or oval shape, in handsome nickel frames, \$4.25, \$4.39, \$4.98, \$5.49 and \$5.98

Bread Pans.....75c Each

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Custards.....12½c and 20c Each

Individual Bakers.....40c Each

Round Cake Pan.....75c Each

Pyrex is something that every woman wants in her home—crystal transparent oven ware that makes baking positive and certain. Women have long wanted Pyrex, the ware they can bake in and then

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Speedway Flexible Sleds, No. 250, 44 inches long.....\$2.00 Each

Speedway Flexible Sleds, No. 300, 48 inches long.....\$2.50 Each

Flexible Flyer Sleds, No. 1, 38 inches long, \$3.00 Each

Flexible Flyer Sleds, No. 2, 42 inches long, \$3.50 Each

Flexible Flyer Sleds, No. 3, 47 inches long, \$4.98 Each

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Made for service, heavy blanket robes, patterns of the newest designs; colors for all fancies; made in ulster style, notch collar, three pockets, cord trimmed, button front, \$2.98 to \$12.00

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For dress, street, driving and work, lined and unlined, from the best stock for service and comfort. We are showing large assortments of regular lines, also hundreds of dozens of samples at special prices.

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The largest assortment we have ever shown, latest designs and colors, made up in popular shapes at the usual prices, 25c to \$1.50 Each

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Silk, madras, percale, made laundered or soft cuffs, neck bands or collar attached.....69c to \$4.50 Each

NECK SCARFS—For dress or street wear, new designs in silk, fibre and wool.....50c to \$5.00

SWEATERS

Coat, V neck or slip-on, no sleeves or collar, all weights and popular colors.....\$3.50 to \$7.50 Each

NIGHT SHIRTS AND PAJAMAS

Outing and domel flannel, heavy weight, trimmed and plain—Night Shirts.....75c to \$1.25

Pajamas.....\$1.25 to \$2.00

HOSIERY

Silk, lisle, cotton, cashmere and wool, light, medium and heavy weights, all colors.....15c to \$2.50 Pair

East Section

Left Aisle

THE HIGH COST OF COAL HITS DIVIDENDS

Special to The Sun.
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 14.—Persons who ride on the lines of the Bay State Street Railway company, from whom that corporation is now trying to get more money through the operation of the "copper zone" fare system will be interested to learn that the company which owns the Bay State road, the Massachusetts Electric companies, received nearly \$500,000 less in dividends this year than it did two years ago.

Figures showing this great loss were made public yesterday by P. F. Sullivan, president of the Bay State company. The decrease is attributed by the officials of the holding company to the high cost of coal. The effect of the high coal prices has been serious and the contracts under which the Bay state has hitherto been supplied expired in the spring and summer. With one exception it was impossible to secure their renewal at any price. Since the end of August, purchases at any price have been practically impossible, while deliveries on existing contracts are halting and uncertain, and the coal received is not only higher in price but inferior in quality.

"Coal cost \$262,877 more for the first 10 months of 1917 than for the corresponding period in 1916," said Gordon Abbott, president of the holding company. It is estimated that the coal needed in 1918 will cost \$423,000 more than in 1917.

The report of the holding company—owners of the Bay State—and comparisons with the figures of 1916 and 1915 are as follows:

	1917	1916	1915
Dividends received on stock owned	\$14,706	\$111,259	\$512,053
Misc. interest	31,923	18,288	78,481
Total inc.	\$46,629	\$129,547	\$590,534
Total exp.	15,553	14,365	19,936
Net inc.	31,076	115,182	570,598
Int. on notes	150,000	150,000	175,142
Net dividend income	129,576	4,738	84,650
Dividends paid	129,576	4,738	84,650
Surplus (deficit)	129,576	4,738	84,650
Previous surplus	2,556,534	2,551,272	2,749,583
Total surplus	2,686,110	2,556,010	2,834,233

HOYT.

MORE LUXURIES WHICH PEOPLE MUST FOREGO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Left-handed gloves and unusual shades of paint have been added to the "little luxuries" which the public must forego next year because of the war. Having affected economies in men's clothing and even achieved a reformation in women's styles, the Commercial Economy board of the council of national defense announced today that attention was being paid to articles of industrial use with a view to eliminating as many as can be spared.

Color schemes in paint will be limited to some 40 shades instead of 100 as heretofore. Sizes of paint containers are being standardized.

Cut Height of Women's Shoes
Restrictions on the styles of women's boots in England have been noted

NOW ABLE TO WALK MILES—ONE YEAR AGO HELPLESS AS AN INFANT

Miss A. M. Clish Tells How She Recovered From Rheumatism That Deformed Joints

"I take walks of miles several times a month," said Miss A. M. Clish of 507 Montello St., Brockton, Mass.



MISS CLISH ON CRUTCHES

"A year ago I did not believe I would ever be able to walk again. I was crippled with rheumatism of the joints and had to be carried from room to room like an infant. My right knee was drawn up and I was unable to straighten it. My fingers and wrists were swollen and extremely painful.

with interest here as forecasting similar steps to reduce waste. Uppers for women's shoes in England cannot exceed seven inches in height if made of leather, or eight inches if made of other materials.

Saving of 1,500,000 yards of wooleens by reducing manufacturers', jobbers' and tailors' samples, the conservation being sufficient to uniform 700,000 soldiers, has been achieved throughout the clothing trade.

Chairman A. W. Shaw said the board's suggestions not only had been complied with gladly, but that the manufacturers had acceded to the board's demands that savings should be divided with consumers. One firm putting into effect savings on ready made clothing already under contract was able to reduce the agreed price from 25 cents to \$2.50 a garment.

"The pain was almost unbearable. I could not allow anyone near my bed. Physicians wanted to remove a bone from my knee and I was etherized twice to straighten the leg. They told me I would never be able to walk again.

"My strength was exhausted and my stomach in a very weakened condition. Friends insisted that I try Var-ne-sis as I seemed to be growing worse. After taking two bottles of Var-ne-sis my stomach improved wonderfully, my strength returned so that I could use my crutches. I persisted in the treatment until I was able to bend my knee and go up and down stairs without any trouble.

"I am glad to say I am now doing housework and able to go about as well as ever. I have given W. A. Varney my crutches to add to his collection in Boston. No matter how damp and stormy the weather happens to be I am entirely free from pain."

W. A. Varney said: "I wish I could convey to sufferers from rheumatism what Var-ne-sis is doing. I wish I could bring them face to face with those who have recovered through Var-ne-sis."

"I am constantly producing evidence that Var-ne-sis conquers chronic rheumatism and I ask that sufferers from this disease investigate each raw-knee, ointment, soda, iodides, capsicum, pepper, or any of the usual anti-rheumatic drugs. It tends to help the stomach and can not harm the heart."

Send to W. A. Varney, Lynn, Mass., for literature and the "Rust of Human Hinges."

Get Var-ne-sis Now—today—at Liggett's Riker-Jaynes Drug Stores and at all reliable druggists.—Advertisement.

PERSHING NOT TO BE BROUGHT BACK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Secretary of War Baker authorizes the statement that there is not the slightest foundation for the report that Gen. John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary forces in France, is to be brought back here as chief of staff. Mr. Baker went further, declaring there was no thought of bringing Gen. Pershing back to the United States for any purpose.

LINK JAPANESE TO THE HINDU PLOT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—An unnamed official of the Japanese government was linked with a proposed conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India by testimony yesterday in the trial of 31 alleged conspirators in the United States district court. The testimony was to the effect that this official had secreted Hiranba Lal Gupta, an indicted Hindu, for four months while British secret service and military operatives searched Tokyo in vain for him.

The Japanese official later secured safe passage from Tokyo to San Francisco for Gupta. This testimony was given by Detective Sergeant George D. Barnitz of the "Neutrality Bomb Squad" of the New York police department, who said that the revelations had been made to him by Gupta while the latter was in custody on a charge of participation in a bomb explosion.

Thousands of rifles, carbines and pistols and millions of rounds of ammunition were purchased in this country by Capt. von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy in Washington, for secret shipment to San Francisco, Cal., and Havana, according to Henry Murk, who said he was an agent of Hans Tauscher, New York representative of the Krupp, and one of the defendants.

None of the munitions reached their destination, according to the witness. Both orders were subsequently rescinded, the witness testified.

Three letters written by Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, to Secretary of State Lansing, protesting against the seizure by the United States government of the American schooner Annie Larson and her cargo of guns and ammunition were admitted also as evidence.

In the letters Bernstorff said the shipment on the Larson was the property of the German government, had been intended for the German colonies in East Africa, but had not been shipped by the German government.

TRANSFER ENEMY ALIENS FROM U.S. FORGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—First steps to place the soldiers of German or Austro-Hungarian birth or extraction at duty apart from the actual fighting forces appear in today's army orders. Orders show the transfer of nearly a hundred enlisted men of the regular or national army to duty to the disciplinary barracks guard at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The list contains hardly a name that does not appear to be of German, Austrian or Hungarian origin.

Most of the transfers are from national army units at Camp Dix, Wrightwood, N. J. Three men come from the American expeditionary forces in France and in other cases it is evident that men were withdrawn from recruits about to sail to join Gen. Pershing's command.

REGARDING VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENTS

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 14.—To clear up a misunderstanding regarding voluntary enlistments in relation to the date of December 15, Major Roger Wolcott, officer in charge of draft mobilization in this state, made the following statement today:

"Men cannot enlist in the army after tomorrow if they are in the draft," he said, "unless they enlist as dentists, veterinarians or doctors in the medical department of the army or are appointed as army field clerks."

"Men may enlist in the navy in any and all of its branches where there are vacancies, at any time."

"Men may also enlist in the Marine corps after the 15th as well as before that date."

"But if a man is not in the current quota he can enlist in the service other than those mentioned above, or if his name is in the current quota, the best thing for him to do, if he doesn't want to be drafted, is to join today, Friday, or tomorrow, Saturday." HOYT.

SLEIGH BELLS, SNOW SHOVELING AND A FEW TIPS ON COASTING

Drivers of sleighs or sleds who have not got the single bells attached to either the harness on the horse or horses or on the vehicle are liable to be brought into court, according to what Sup. Welch told a representative of The Sun this morning.

The superintendent believes it to be a very opportune time to remind drivers of sleighs and sleds that according to chapter 24, section 2, of the revised laws, it is compulsory to have at least three bells attached to either the harness on the horse or the sleigh.

Men runways occur in the winter than at any other time during the year, caused either by a horse becoming frightened by a snowslide, the overturning of a sleigh or some other reason. A frightened horse dashing through the streets is endangering the life and limb of pedestrians, whether they be on the sidewalk or passing over a crosswalk.

If the horse or sleigh is equipped with bells there is a warning, but if the bells are absent the pedestrian is given no signal of the approaching danger.

According to the law, the penalty is that a fine of not more than \$20 can be imposed and that the owner of the vehicle is also liable to an action commencing within 12 months of any damage caused.

Don't forget to shovel the snow from your sidewalk or you are liable to be haled into court and may be liable to a fine not exceeding \$20. According to section 24 of chapter 24 of the city ordinance a tenant, servant or some person must remove the snow, and if unemployed the owner, agent or other authorized person must remove the snow from the sidewalk in front of the premises.

If the snow ceases during the day the snow must be removed within four hours of the time the snow falls, and if it is not removed it must be removed at noon on the day succeeding.

Now that coasting is in order, people, especially children, should be careful about using their sleds on the sidewalks or streets, for section 25 of chapter 24 of the city ordinance states that there shall be no coasting upon streets or sidewalks except in those streets designated by the mayor or superintendent of police. At different times during the winter certain streets are set aside as coasting places, and otherwise the people who do coasting are liable to arrest.

A. G. POLLARD CO.

Lowell's Biggest and Best Christmas Store



An Unusual Collection —OF— NEW Christmas WAISTS

Our New Waist Department is ample assistance in your selection of Christmas Waists. New Waists arriving daily, so that there are always new styles to admire from day to day.



BLACK POPLIN WAISTS—New styles in Black Poplin Waists, suitable for maids and waitresses. Made of good quality black poplin, high or low collar, plain front with pocket or plaited. Sizes 36 to 46. **98c** Special at.....

BLACK WAISTS IN BIG SIZES—Made extra full and roomy for stout figures. Sizes 48 to 52. **Special at..... \$1.50**

GEORGETTE AND CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS—In many new styles, either tailored or lace and embroidery trimmed. All colors, including the suit shades. **Special..... \$5.00**

NEW TUXEDO WAISTS—Of imported colored striped voile with Tuxedo collar of white pique. Colors: Lavender, **\$1.98** blue, pink and gold. **Special**

CREPE DE CHINE WAISTS—New styles in high or low necks, with plaited fronts, semi-tailored, and heavy lace trimmed. Colors: White, flesh, navy and black. **\$3.98** Special.....



NEW CHRISTMAS BATHROBES ARE HERE

A BIG SHIPMENT OF NEW BATHROBES FOR CHRISTMAS HAS JUST ARRIVED

All new Robes, fresh for Christmas, in all colors and sizes. Bought at the old prices, which means a saving to you.

All perfect and made full. Priced
\$3.98 \$5.00 \$5.98

MORE "SWAGGER" HATS ARRIVED

These Hats are the very latest from New York. All colors and combinations. Suitable for skating, motoring and street wear. The newest and most popular hat of the season. These hats are in the Cloak Department.

Silk Petticoats For Christmas

Our assortment of Silk Petticoats for Christmas is the largest in the city. Every combination of color carried out in the changeables and also plain colors. Our petticoats are fuller and more roomy than most petticoats, as we pay extra so as to have good full petticoats.

Regular and extra sizes, in all colors—
\$3.98 and \$5.00

CHILDREN'S RAIN CAPES

Made of fine quality Poplin. Colors: Red, navy and tan; with hood. Sizes 6 to 11 **\$2.50**

Silk Vests, Shawls and Cardigans

A big assortment of Shawls, Cardigans, Spencers, Silk Vests and Breakfast Jackets for Christmas presents.

Silk Vests, without sleeves (imported).....\$1.50

Silk Vests, with sleeves (imported).....\$2.50

Cardigans, gray or black.....\$1.50

Fascinators, all colors.....49c

Black Knitted Hoods.....98c

Shawls, hand made, all colors.....\$1.50 to \$3.98

Spencers, all colors.....\$1.98 and \$2.98

Breakfast Jackets, all colors.....\$2.98 and \$3.98

CLOAK DEPT. SECOND FLOOR

300 Dozen Ladies' and Children's Wool and Cashmere Hose

At 35c a Pair—3 Pairs for \$1.00
Regular Price 50c Pair

Bought by us as seconds and mill runs, but after looking them over thoroughly we find that only about 10 dozen are slightly imperfect, the rest are as good as firsts. These would make excellent Christmas gifts.

BLACK RIBBED WOOL HOSE—Ladies' fine or coarse ribbed, extra heavy quality; regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

GRAY RIBBED WOOL HOSE—Ladies' heavy wool hose, ribbed, in oxford and silver gray, regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

BLACK WOOL HOSE WITH RIBBED TOP—Ladies' black wool hose, good quality, with ribbed top and gray heel and toe, regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

SPECIAL
100 DOZEN BOYS' AND GIRLS' WOOL HOSE—Fine ribbed, extra warm quality, only 29c. Pair

WOOL CASHMERE HOSE WITH HEMMED TOP—Ladies' black hose, wool cashmere hose, in oxford gray, extra good quality, with hemmed top, regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

WOOL CASHMERE HOSE, RIBBED TOP—Ladies' fine wool cashmere hose, good quality, with ribbed top and gray wool heel and toe, regular 50c value, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

CHILDREN'S WORSTED HOSE—Boys' and girls' black worsted ribbed hose, with gray toe and heel, extra fine quality, only 35c a Pair; 3 Pairs for \$1.00

PAINTER STREET BASEMENT

Will the Austro-Germans Break the Italian Line?

Austro-German troops have been massing on the Italian front, but the Italians stand fast. Franco-British troops are aiding the men of Italy. Will they hold the enemy? Will they save Venice and its famous canals?

The heroic regiments of Genoa and Novara have covered themselves with glory—as have other Italian regiments. Can you trace the Italian battle line? Can you trace the Piave River? —the Tagliamento River? Can you point out the territory where the penetration of the Italian defensive zone occurred?

There is a wealth of such information—all the important details of the war's progress on the ITALIAN FRONT—printed on the

WAR MAP

Which Will be Presented to You NEXT SUNDAY

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This map shows the Carnic Alps—the frontier line through the Dolomites—Pinzano—the Frinian plain, and helps to explain the various strategic positions of the Allies on the Italian front.

The War Map is printed in three colors. It is extremely well planned and keyed. It is an excellent map for the schools, the home and the office.

In view of the fact that this is an out-of-the ordinary war map—it will pay you to make your reservation in advance. Speak to your regular newsdealer and ask him to save you a copy of

NEXT SUNDAY'S Boston Sunday Advertiser - American



HOME MADE RED CROSS KNITTING BAGS ARE APPRECIATED CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

This young person is busy demonstrating the charm and efficiency of the stand-up knitting.

Balancing jauntily on a street car, she is a living model of how to improve each shining minute and at the same time dexterously avoid the destruction of the eye of the next strap-hanger.

Two delectable bags are for carrying the sacred yarn to more social occasions, to matinees

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT BY ELKS AT THE KASINO

The Lowell lodge of Elks staged their annual Christmas benefit concert last evening at the Kasino in Thorndike street and once more the "Bills" came into the limelight with something novel and enjoyable.

"Pop concert" was the way the audience notices had described the affair and the gentle shades of Symphony hall never beheld a more enjoyable scene than that which greeted the visitors to last night's affair. The Kasino had been appropriately decorated for the occasion and tables had been placed at varying intervals

and dances where one piles the industrious needle between sugar, 1 tablespoonful (or less) colored satin with gold cords and tassels—and the lower half of gold silk and metallic lace and flowers.

Either of these bags can be fashioned at home by the woman who knows that knitting bags are the choicest of Christmas gifts this winter.

To lend a real "pops" appearance to the affair, the effect was very realistic.

The receipts of last evening's entertainment are to be devoted solely to Christmas charity work which is one of the annual features of the Elks' organizations throughout the country. Perhaps this fact caused those present at the concert last evening to enjoy the affair more than would have otherwise been the case. The entertainment opened at 8 o'clock and it was early this morning before Frederick's orchestra had played the final dance number.

Charles P. Young, a member of the lodge, was the decorator. Purple, significant of the Elks' order, was tastefully interwoven about the hall with the national colors.

The entertainers included Commissioner Donnelly, who got his usual big hand, Walter Davis, Ed. Handley, Walter Clough, Bertha Dion, Alice

Dion, Mrs. Florence Saxon, Miss May Bradley and Margaret Milles Henry, the latter of the Strand, Thelma Lee Craft of Malden, gave solo dances, and Miss Flora MacLean of this city gave some of her best Scottish numbers, with Piper Scott giving the real stirring notes.

At 10:55 the Elks assembled on the floor of the hall and Mayor-elect Perry D. Thompson, a member of the lodge, accompanied by Eugene Y. Brown, exalted ruler, and Commissioners James E. Donnelly and Charles J. Morse, gave the impressive 11 o'clock toast "to our absent brothers." Commissioner Donnelly then sang the Elks' song, "Here's to Our Absent Brothers" and the entire assembly joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The Elks then stood at attention as the orchestra struck up "The Star Spangled Banner" and a large American flag was dropped by Frederick Gilmore, esteemed lecturing knight, assisted by Bro. William Nitschke of the local navy station. This was perhaps the most beautiful service of the evening.

The Christmas charity committee which had charge of last evening's affair is as follows:

C. Fred Gilmore, esteemed leading knight.
Geo. A. Tyrrell, secretary
Frank Ricard, treasurer
Robt. H. Dawson Ed. P. Saunders
Jos. J. Boland J. Lawler Ford
Jos. Haggerty John H. Farrell
Wm. H. Mahan Jas. H. Walker
John H. Cull Fred A. Austin
Wm. Scott, P.E.R. Frank A. Mallory
John H. Cleary Jas. E. Donnelly
John J. Lee, P.E.R. Chas. J. Morse
Jos. Burns Jas. L. Kenney
Thos. F. Golden E. Y. Brown, E.R.
John J. Healey Geo. Conway
Samuel Scott

DEATHS

CULLINAN—Mrs. Gertrude (Herrick) Cullinan, a former resident of this city, died yesterday at her home in Brockton. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, William J. Cullinan, the well known druggist of Brockton; two sons, Fred and Ralph, and a daughter, Gertrude.

CHRISTOPoulos—Niketos Christopoulos, aged 52 years, died today at the Lowell General hospital. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son in Algon street. His home was at 25 Moody street.

FUNERAL NOTICES

MARONEY—The funeral of Patrick T. Maroney will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from the chapel of James F. O'Donnell & Sons. A funeral mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

SIX COAL BARGES LOST—ALL ON BOARD SAVED

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 14.—The tug Bully of the Owen McCaffrey & Company's transportation line, New York, arrived in the harbor today and reported the loss of six barges, coal laden, for Bridgeport and New Haven. The tug and tow had been inside the harbor for three days waiting for the kind, rain and snow storms to abate, but during the gale last night the barges broke away and went down. All the men, women and children on board were saved and taken on the tug. The schooner Mary E. Cuff with sand from Rockaway for the Norwalk Iron Works Co. is wrecked on Belle Island, having been blown ashore during the gale.

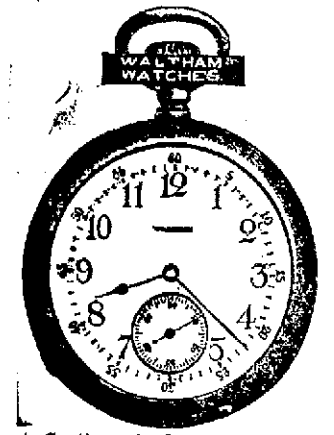
I Buy Direct You Save Money

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES HERE

Because I buy direct from the manufacturer and eliminate the jobber and the middleman's additional cost on merchandise. In doing business with the factory I save at least 33 1-3% to 50% in the buying. With my purchasing powers, therefore, I can offer almost double the value of a dollar here. Come and look, it will be worth your while to be convinced that we undersell our competitors by a visit to our store—if only for comparison of prices and merchandise.

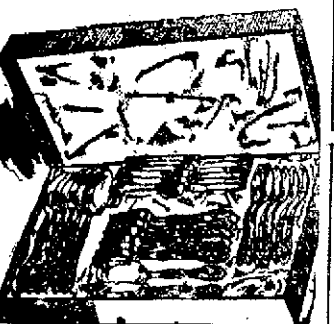
Prices and Quality Speak Louder Than Words Here

WALTHAM \$8.50
WATCHES
\$15 Value



A Gentleman's Genuine Waltham Watch that is guaranteed for 20 years. I need say no more about this watch.

ROGERS SILVER SET



This set consists of six knives, six forks, six tablespoons, six teaspoons, butter knife and sugar shell—all in 20-year quality quadruple plate silver, standard quality and finish; 26 pieces in all.

\$6.95

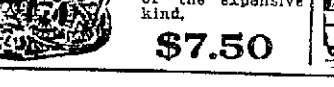
LINKS



Solid gold top in plain polished Roman and engraved links—one piece post, solid bean, excellent value.

\$1.00

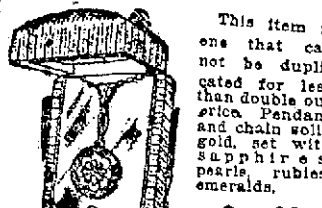
Platinum Finish Princess Rings



All hand-made and sawed, set with fine quality brilliant, an exact reproduction of the expensive kind.

\$7.50

SOLID GOLD PENDANTS



This item is one that can not be duplicated for less than double our price. Pendant and chain solid gold, set with sapphires, rubies, emeralds.

\$2.00

Fine Gold Filled Watch Bracelet



Like the expensive ones; with a 20-year case, KANT-KUM-off bow insures safety; guaranteed movement; good timekeeping; can be worn on wrist, chain or pin.

\$6.50

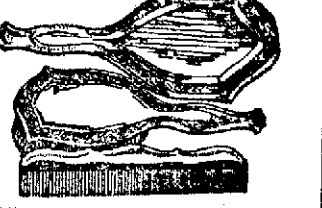
PEARLS



Regular length French indestructible pearl strands; solid gold chain.

\$1.50

TOILET SETS



Fine quality Derby silver, consisting of comb, brush and mirror in polished and Butler finish grey.

\$6.00

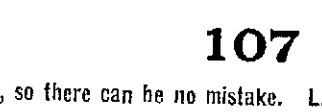
ROSARY BEADS



All the various shades in Bohemian and out beads and warranted solid gold filled.

\$1.00

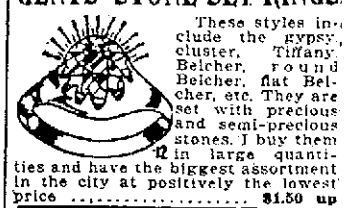
EMBLEM RINGS



These are solid gold and all orders and degrees can be had in any size.

\$5.00

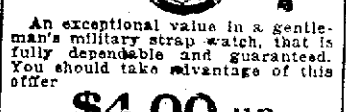
GENTS' STONE SET RINGS



These styles include the gypsy cluster, Tiffany, Belcher, and other famous designs. They are set with precious stones, fully guaranteed, in large quantities and have the biggest assortment in the city at positively the lowest price.

\$1.50 up

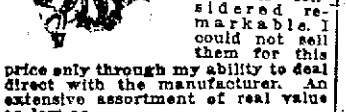
MILITARY WATCH



An exceptional value in a gentleman's military strap watch, that is fully dependable and guaranteed. You should take advantage of this offer.

\$4.00 up

SOLID GOLD BROOCHES



Fancy stone set with pearls, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, in solid gold. The price of these brooches is what is considered reasonable. I could not sell them for this price only through my ability to deal direct with the manufacturer. An extensive assortment of real value as low as

\$1.00

Solid Gold Signet Rings



Finely made of seamless 10k and 14k solid gold, richly engraved and designed in plain polished and Roman. Other real designs of the expensive ones in 14k gold filled stock, ranging from

\$1.00

Waldemar Knives and Chains



Knives in plain polished, engraved, chain all soldered and guaranteed for 5 years.

\$1.00

EMBLEM RINGS



These are solid gold and all orders and degrees can be had in any size.

\$5.00

THIN MODEL



12 size, new model, nickel case, plain polished, stem wind, lever escapement, closely timed and tested, fully guaranteed, Arabic or Roman dial with heavy figures. Excellent watch at the price.

\$1.25

RIBBON FOBS

Mounted with solid gold charm and 14K gold filled stock and heavy grosgrain ribbon. Always dressy and in good taste. Starting from

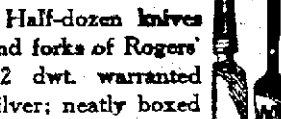
\$1.00

Rogers Set

Half-dozen knives and forks of Rogers' 12 dwt. warranted silver; neatly boxed

\$3.00

BRACELETS



All seamless tube bracelets, and made of 14k gold filled stock and warranted for 20 years, from

\$1.00 Up

SCARF PINS



All the newest and prettiest designs—set with precious stones.

\$1.00

Samuel D. Greenwald

JEWELER

107 CENTRAL STREET

Bring this advertisement with you, so there can be no mistake. Liberty Bonds and Christmas Club Certificates accepted as cash.

My Only Store in This City

Open Evenings

Shirts and Neckwear

TWO OF THE MOST USEFUL GIFTS THAT YOU CAN GIVE, SHIRTS AND NECKTIES.

Our line of shirts comprises the most extensive line that we have ever shown. Soft and stiff cuff shirts in percales, repps, madras, chevots, fibers, silks, crepes, with or without collars, in all sizes . . . 65c to \$7.00

Neckwear in the most wonderful array of patterns, that one could imagine. We have always had a large display of neckwear at Christmas time but this season have really outdone ourselves, 25c to \$2.50

BATH ROBES
HOUSE COATS
SWEATERS
UMBRELLAS
SUSPENDERS
FUR CAPS
HOCKEY CAPS
GLOVES
MITTENS
SCARFS
BOYS' SOLDIER SUITS
STOCKINGS
INDIAN SUITS
PAJAMAS
BATH ROBES

OUR COLLARS ADVANCE IN PRICE JANUARY 1ST. THEY ARE STILL 10c.

MACARTNEY'S

72 MERRIMACK STREET



The German upon whom this U.S. marine gets a "bead" has but one chance in five of escaping a hit at 1000 yards.

Over 61 per cent. of the entire Marine Corps men are "marksmen" or better—the deadliest shots in Uncle Sam's fighting establishment.

This means they score at least 365 hits out of 600 up to a 1000-yard range. Many of them are already at the front.

TURKS WILL NOT TRY TO RETAKE JERUSALEM

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.—An indication that the Turks will not attempt to recapture Jerusalem was given to Gen. Steeger-Reiner, Austro-Hungarian war minister, in replying to a question asked in the army committee of the Austrian delegation, as quoted in a dispatch received here yesterday from Vienna.

The general said Jerusalem was occupied without fighting, the Turks retreating eastward through the town

when their positions to west were subjected to a surprise attack by the British.

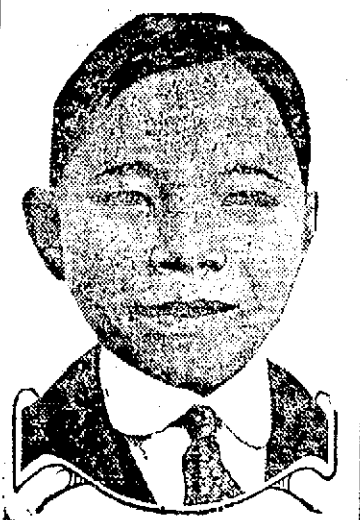
Jerusalem suffered no damage, he said, and that Ottoman supreme command had given assurances that no damage is out of the question. Jerusalem will now remain outside the fighting zone, the general said.

PRESIDENT MACHADO MUST STAY OUT OF PORTUGAL FOR BALANCE OF TERM

LISBON, Dec. 14.—The new government yesterday promulgated a decree that President Machado, against whose regime the recent successful revolution was directed, must reside outside Portugal until the expiration of the period for which he was elected.

SIAM'S SUNNY JIM

Ong Chav Arthit, II, has performed an important service for the princelings of the world. His demonstration that princes can be human and regular fellows. Yep—he's one! Nephew of the King of Siam, is Ong. Over in his own country they call him "Highness," and salaam to him when



ever he goes out to watch the kids play marbles—or whatever they do play. But he didn't care much about the salaam and highness business, so he has come to the United States to study at Annapolis so he can become an efficient officer in the Siam navy. That smile ought to get him by anywhere.

COTTON FOR N. E. MILLS DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Urgent need for increased transportation facilities for cotton consigned to New England mills was placed today before the shipping board, the railroads war board and the cotton transportation committee at southern roads by the transportation committee of the national council of cotton manufacturers.

The spinners fear a cotton stringency which would delay important government contracts. None of the mills has a supply for more than sixty days ahead, while some have only enough to tide them over the holidays.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Charles Kierkopian, residing at 23 Tyler street, was arrested at the plant of the United States Cartridge Co. about 11:30 o'clock this morning by Lieut. Martin Maher on a warrant charging him with assault and battery on Hyson Setz of 373 Central street. It is alleged that Kierkopian and Setz got into an argument and the former, having a truck hook in his hand, struck Setz with the hook, inflicting a severe wound in the arm. Dr. Harold B. Flunkett attended to the man's injuries and later Setz and Kierkopian were taken to the police station where the latter was booked for assault and battery and Setz was released after stating he would appear in police court tomorrow morning as a complainant.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Henry V. Charbonneau, who was a candidate for the school committee, filed his expense account with the city clerk this noon. The amount expended was \$8.40.

YOUNG LADIES AT NORMAL SCHOOL HEAR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Charles A. Myrick, deputy commissioner of education of the state of New Jersey, was a visitor at the State Normal school in Broadway this morning and at 10 o'clock addressed the young ladies of the school on "The Modern Spirit in Education." His address was well received and was unusually interesting.

SAVE MEAT

by serving more stuffing when you serve roast meats, poultry, fish and game.

If this dressing is flavored with Bell's Seasoning it adds to the pleasure of the meal.

ASK GROCERS FOR



PATRICK MARONEY WAS BURNED TO DEATH

Patrick T. Maroney, aged 38 years and residing at 24 Rock street, was burned to death at the plant of the Lowell Gas Light Co. about ten o'clock last night, where he was employed as a fireman.

The accident happened in the retort house where the gas is taken from the coal by heating the latter in immense ovens. In some unaccountable manner Maroney slipped and fell directly upon a bed of red hot coal. His body was burned to a crisp. The body was removed to the rooms of J. E. O'Donnell & Sons.

SEWING AND KNITTING FOR RED CROSS

Through the efforts of Mrs. George F. Caisse and Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.T., pastor of St. Joseph's parish, about 200 women of the parish gathered in the college hall in Merrimack street last evening for the purpose of sewing and knitting for the Red cross.

Mrs. Caisse explained the purpose of the gathering and requested the women present to urge their friends and relatives to join in the movement, which she termed a very worthy one. Mrs. Caisse informed her listeners that it was planned to meet once a week at the college and those who could spare some time while at home, could secure work by applying at her home.

CHELMSFORD SENDS CONTRIBUTION TO THE HALIFAX RELIEF FUND

Chefmsford's contribution to date to the Halifax Relief fund amounts to \$325.81 and yesterday a check for that amount was sent to Treasurer Robert Winsor by Rev. E. A. Robinson, treasurer of the Chefmsford committee. It is expected that within a few days another substantial check will be sent through money that is pledged and projects that are under way.

FEAR AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH WHEN HOUSE WAS DESTROYED

FAYVILLE, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Louie Brewer, 86 years old, is thought to have been burned to death when her house was destroyed by fire about 8 o'clock last night. The house, which was located on Turnpike road, was burned to the ground. As it is known that she was in the house at 6 o'clock and was too feeble to venture out alone, it is feared that she has perished.

The fire was discovered by Arthur Willisworth, who saw the flames bursting from the roof. He tried to break

Down and Out Mother Braces Up. Surprises Whole Family

She had worked, loved and was happy in doing for her children, and when she started to break down they were frantic, were willing to do almost anything to make her last years happy and free from worry and illness. Nothing they did seemed to help; doctors, medicines or rest gave no results.

Finally, when all were about desperate with worry a neighbor induced them to try Phosphated Iron. It had worked such wonders with her old folks. Ready to grasp at any help they got a supply and the way their mother improved from the start was almost too good to believe. It sure was a happy and reunited family and you can bet they are all boosting Phosphated Iron to the limit.

Doctors the world over will tell you that Phosphates and Iron will build up and store strength and energy against old age and nervous break downs. One of our leading physicians says, "The results I have obtained with Phosphated Iron have been great in cases of old people, where it was necessary to build up strength, revive bodily functions, give them life, renewed youth and health."

There must be something to it. Doctors and druggists all tell the same story of success.

Special Notice—to insure physicians and their patients getting the genuine Phosphated Iron, it is put up in capsules only. Do not allow dealers to give you pills or tablets, insist on capsules.

Fred Howard, 199 Central St., Lowell Pharmacy, 632 Merrimack St., and leading druggists everywhere.

the door in, but was unsuccessful and ran to ring in the alarm. The fire department was unable to save the house and prevent the blaze from spreading to the adjoining barn.

Frank Brown, a music teacher and a relative of Mrs. Brewer, lived in the house with her, was away and did not return until after the fire was out. He fears that the aged woman burned to death.

RUSSIAN JOINS U. S. ARMY ENGINEERS

Russia through fighting? Well, here's one Russian who is just beginning. Anatoly Wladimir Lankovsky, son of the surgeon-general of Russia's armies, is enlisting in the 116th U. S. engineers. He has been studying at the University of California.



His brother has enlisted as a private in the U. S. aviation corps. They wanted to join Lankovsky because of his eyesight, but he told them he didn't need glasses—he could recognize Germans by their smell.

FORMER CHAPLAIN OF SIXTH REGIMENT HAS WORD TO SAY ABOUT HISTORY

Rev. William E. Dussault, pastor of the Second Universalist church of Lynn and former chaplain of the Sixth regiment, was the speaker at last evening's December meeting of the Men's club of the Grace Universalist church. Mr. Dussault spoke on the wrong impression which American history gives as taught in the schools today and urged that the younger generation be told the facts truthfully and then be allowed to face them.

He asked his listeners to give their utmost to co-operate with the boys at the front and said that they should be willing to work 18 hours a day in such a cause if it should become necessary.

A luncheon was served after the address.

GERMAN EDITOR WHO FILED FALSE TRANSLATIONS OF ARTICLES IS UNDER ARREST

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 14.—Paul Stoeckel of this city, editor of the Connecticut Staats Zeitung, and a prominent German resident of this state, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal Mahon on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Rice in Hartford, charging Stoeckel and his partner, Mr. Wiess, with violation of the federal law regarding articles published in the German language.

It is alleged that Stoeckel and Wiess did not file with the postmaster at Holyoke, where the Connecticut Staats Zeitung is published, true translations in English of all the articles and comments they published relative to the war.

THREE FATALLY INJURED AT FUEL OIL FIRE ON NAVY TUG AT ATLANTIC PORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Three men were injured fatally and a fourth seriously in a fuel oil fire on a navy tug at an Atlantic port, the navy department announced last night.

The dead are Bruce W. Ross, machinist, Portsmouth, Va.; Lloyd J. Hampton, water tender, Bangor, N. C.; and William Williams, chief water tender, Portsmouth, Va.

Ellsworth L. Trumbull, a fireman of Martinsville, Ind., was seriously burned.

Corp. Al Connors, formerly a grocery clerk of St. Louis, now stationed at Fort Sill, Ok., will receive a 175-foot letter from his employers, fellow clerks and customers.



Men's Jewelry

What to get for him for Christmas is always a perplexing question.

Come and see our array of practical things—the kind of gifts men like, at money saving prices.

Among others are such things as military watches, cigarette cases, shaving outfits, silver pencils, sterling silver match boxes, cuff links, tie pins, fountain pens, smoking sets, etc. These are only a few suggestions from the many hundred of acceptable gifts on hand at this store.

By calling here first you will save time and shoe leather for we have exactly the gifts that will please the man.

Geo. H. Wood
135 CENTRAL ST.

DON'T Miss Our Week-End Sale

COMPARE PRICES WITH WHAT YOU ARE PAYING		
100 P. C. Pure FLOATING SOAP	Sweet MAINE STYLE CORN	Fresh BLACK BACK FLOUNDERS
6 Bars 25c	3 Cans 40c	Lb. 10c
MEAT		
15c Beef Kidney.....12½c lb.	25c Large F'y Mackerel, 20c lb.	
28c Smoked Shoulders.....28c lb.	35c Eastern Halibut.....30c lb.	
32c Salt Pork.....28c lb.	20c Finnan Haddie.....18c lb.	
35c Small Star Hams.....32c lb.	35c Steel Head Salmon.....30c lb.	
28c Small Rib Roasts.....20c lb.	12c Labrador Herring.....9c lb.	
40c Sirloin Roasts.....30c lb.	70c Select Oysters.....60c qt.	
50c Choice Rump Steak.....40c lb.	15c Sliced Bluefish.....12½c lb.	
35c Legs Genuine Lamb.....30c lb.	20c Sliced Steak Cnd.....17c lb.	
45c Spring Lamb Chops.....35c lb.	20c Cod Cheeks.....18c lb.	
27c Spring Lamb Fores.....24c lb.	20c Salt Red Salmon.....15c lb.	
32c Fresh Fowl.....27c lb.	10c Salt Herring.....7c each	
38c Choice Chickens.....35c lb.		
30c R. I. Ducks.....25c lb.		
42c Young Turkeys.....35c lb.		
SMALL FRESH PORLOINS, 10 Lbs. 26c Lb.		
GROCERIES		
That Are Good at Low Prices		
15c Early June Peas...3 for 40c	Heavy Lettuce.....5c head	
22c Hand Pack Tomatoes 17c can	Boston Market Celery.....20c	
20c Kidney Beans.....15c can	St. Andrew's Turnips, 5 lbs. 10c	
35c Birdseye Matches.....29c pkg.	Sound Onions.....4 lbs. 19c	
15c Pure Red Currant Jell, 12½c	Spanish Onions.....5c lb.	
15c Climax Macaroni.....12½c	Large Green Cucumbers, 13c each	
13c Campbell's Tomato Soup, 10c	Mushrooms.....59c lb.	
	Choice Baldwin Apples 35c peck	
	Brussell Sprouts.....20c	
	Beets.....4 for 19c	
	Elgin Butter.....48c Lb.	
TEA AND COFFEE		
If you want good tea or coffee, you can get it here. The lowest prices for the quality.		
Ceylon Teas.....49c, 59c lb.		
Choice Formosa.....39c, 49c, 59c		
Coffee.....19c, 25c, 35c lb.		
Cocoa.....20c lb.		
CRACKERS		
You can get some fine mixtures of cookies for any occasion.		
Any kind that you know of, you are almost sure to find it here.		

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12-14 Merrimack Sq.

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IF YOU'VE GOT THE CASH HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE \$10.00.

Shuman Made Absolutely All Wool Suits and Overcoats at less than the wholesale price today. There are about 150 Suits and 200 overcoats left in the lot. While they last they're marked

\$20.00

On account of these garments being sold at less than wholesale price we must request cash with every sale—no charges or memos.

FRIDAY NIGHT THREE HOUR SPECIALS FROM 6.30 TO 9.30 ONLY

Men's \$30.00 Suits	\$24.50
Men's \$15 Overcoats	\$12.75
Men's \$25.00 Suits	\$21.50
Men's \$12.50 Suits	\$10.00
Men's \$15.00 Odd Suits	\$8.75
Men's \$10.00 Raincoats	\$7.95
Men's \$20 quality Ulster Coats, odds	\$10.00
Men's \$5.00 Pants	\$3.95
Men's \$2.50 Pants	\$1.95
Men's \$3.50 Hats	\$2.95
Men's \$1.50 Winter Caps	\$1.15
Men's \$1.00 Winter Caps	79c
Men's \$1.25 Umbrellas	95c
Men's \$1.50 Shirts, all styles	\$1.29
Men's \$8.00 Sweaters	\$6.50
Men's \$5.00 Sweaters	\$3.95
Men's 75c Work Shirts	59c
Men's \$1.50 Underwear	\$1.19
Men's 35c Stockings	26c
Men's 25c Stockings	19c
Men's \$1.00 Neckwear	89c

FRIDAY NIGHT THREE HOUR SPECIALS

Ladies' \$40.00 Suits	\$28.50
Ladies' \$30.00 Suits	\$16.50
Ladies' \$25.00 Suits	\$12.50
Ladies' \$20.00 Coats	\$16.50
Ladies' \$5.00 Petticoats	\$3.95
Ladies' \$3.95 Petticoats	\$2.98
Ladies' \$25.00 Silk Dresses	\$19.75
Ladies' \$20.00 Serge Dresses	\$15.75
Ladies' \$12.50 Serge or Silk Dresses	\$9.75
Ladies' \$5.95 Waists	\$3.98
Ladies' \$2.98 Waists	\$1.98
Ladies' \$1.98 Waists	\$1.29
Ladies' 89c Waists	79c
Ladies' \$1.15 House Dresses	89c
Ladies' 89c Bungalow Aprons	49c
Ladies' \$1.00 Quality Silk Stockings	49c
Boys' \$10.00 Overcoats	\$8.95
Boys' \$6.00 Overcoats	\$4.95
Boys' \$10.00 Suits	\$8.95
Boys' \$7.00 Suits	\$5.95
Boys' Odd Overcoats, values up to \$5	\$1.95
Boys' Odd Suits, values up to \$4	\$1.95
Boys' \$1.25 Odd Pants	95c
Boys' 29c Stockings	21c

WE are ready as usual—with a store brimfull of useful Christmas Gifts for Fathers, Mothers, Husbands, Wives, Daughters, Sisters, Sons, Brothers, Sweethearts and the Boy "over there and here."

Giving is a privilege. The size of the Gift does not matter—the sacrifice does.

Here are a few items from our vast stocks that may help you make your selections.

Men's Overcoats	\$10.00 to \$35.00	Ladies' Coats, Wool	\$5.00 to \$40.00
Men's Suits	\$12.50 to \$30.00	Ladies' Coats, Fur	\$25.00 to \$225
Men's Rain Coats	\$5.00 to \$20.00	Ladies' Suits	\$12.50 to \$40.00
Men's Separate Pants	\$2.50 to \$5.00	Ladies' Rain Coats	\$2.95 to \$25.00
Men's Bath Robes	\$3.75 to \$10.00	Ladies' Separate Skirts	\$3.98 to \$6.98
Men's House Coats	\$5.00 to \$10.00	Ladies' Petticoats	98c to \$5.00
Men's Fancy Vests	\$1.00 to \$3.50	Ladies' Fur Scarfs	\$10.00 to \$20.00
Men's Hats	\$2.00 to \$6.00	Ladies' Fur Muffs	\$9.75 to \$25.00
Men's Caps	50c to \$6.00	Ladies' Silk and Serge Dresses	\$7.50 to \$50
Men's Umbrellas	\$1.25 to \$5.00	Ladies' Umbrellas	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Men's Shirts	75c to \$7.00	Ladies' Sweaters	\$4.98 to \$13.50
Men's Underwear	50c to \$5.00	Ladies' Handkerchiefs	75c and \$1.50 Box
Men's Sweaters	\$3.00 to \$10.00	Boys' Overcoats	\$3.95 to \$15.00
Men's Handkerchiefs	5c to \$1.00	Boys' Suits	\$5.00 to \$15.00
Men's Hosiery	15c to \$1.15	Boys' Black Rubber Rain Coats	\$4.00
Men's Neckwear	25c to \$2.50	Boys' Tan Rain Coats with Hat	\$4.00
Men's Suspenders	35c and 50c	Boys' Separate Pants	75c to \$1.75
Men's Belts	25c to \$1.00	Boys' Shirts and Waists	60c to \$1.00
Men's Collars	\$2.00 Per Dozen	Boys' Underwear	50c to \$1.00
Men's Cuff Buttons	25c to \$3.00	Boys' Neckwear	25c
Men's Scarf Pins	50c to \$3.50	Boys' Hats and Caps	50c to \$3.00
Men's Knife and Chains	\$2.00 and \$3.00	Boys' Gloves	45c to \$1.00

Merrimack Clothing Co.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

ROAD TO VICTORY IN FRANCE

BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Dec. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—There is a broad road which runs like a spinal column across the north of France, which the British private has nicknamed the "Road to Victory." His fondness for this road is perhaps due to the fact that it is broader, better paved, and more direct than most other roads, being one of those highways which Napoleon laid out many generations ago.

Over this "Road to Victory" there moves a never-ending procession of transport of the most varied character. Heading at a crossroads, one sees first a group of four wagons; there is a pleasant load, for they carry rations, clean, wholesome yellow cheeses, sides

of prime bacon, fresh white bread in sacks, chests of tea, sugar, jam, tinned butter and bully-beef, sacks of potatoes and onions, sides of frozen beef and mutton.

Behind the ration carts follow a string of 20 great hooded motor-lorries laden with lumber of various kinds. Each lorry in this group carries its name proudly on its side, the names all taken from Dickens characters—Betsy, Oliver, Twist, Mr. Humble, Sallow, Gamp, and others. Some are carrying "quackboards," which are little sections of skeleton sidewalk for foot traffic over the mud. Others are laden with "turkey trots," little wooden bridges for shell holes. Still others have long bundles of brushwood "fascines" for filling in hollow places in roads. Yet others have lengths of beach planking for corduroy roads.

Next in line behind the lorries is a battery of field guns painted in a strange motley of greens, browns and yellows. The horses are in the pink of condition, their coats gleaming, their drivers tanned brick-red by exposure. After the guns come long strings of pack mules wearing brown canvas "carriers," from the pockets of which peep the gleaming cases of 18-pound shells, or the squat yellow bodies of field howitzer ammunition.

It is certainly doing his bit in this war. Flooding and patient, he works his 10 or 12 hours a day back and forth between dump and gun position, mostly under shellfire, always through roads muddy and wet and shell-torn.

So the long column moves onward under the beckoning hand of the military policeman at the crossroads. More lorries pass, filled with men all singing lustily. Then come two strange-looking tractors hauling big howitzers; a whole battalion marching forward to work and carrying shovels instead of rifles; more mules; more lorries;—an endless procession, always going forward through this great road.

And the road itself, on which the traffic never ceases day or night, moves always, pushing further and further forward to the east.

HIGH COST OF MILK IS VERY DISASTROUS

Disastrous results of the sudden rise in the cost of milk, which is causing the poor to drop it from the diet of babies and young children, are reported by the experts of the national children's bureau, who fear widespread sickness and a rapid increase in infant mortality, unless milk is continued in the feedings.

That the situation is desperate is shown in the reports of social workers during the past few weeks. In New York city the mayor's committee on milk reports that the total supply has been reduced 25 per cent, and that the consumption of milk in certain parts of the city has been reduced by half. In the analysis of the milk consumed by 2200 families it is shown that among them there were 1553 children under six years of age, and 2384 from 6 to 13 years old. The milk estimated to be required for these families was 3194 quarts, whereas the amount actually purchased was 3188 quarts. Of 120 families who dropped milk entirely, 100 substituted condensed milk, and 1212 of the 1480 families visited were substituting tea and coffee. Children under six years old were found in 2148 cases to be drinking tea and coffee. For babies under one year old the amount of milk purchased was less than that of last year in half the families. Twenty-five families with babies have ceased altogether to buy milk.

In Philadelphia social workers report that many of the poor or mothers have practically given up buying milk. The children's bureau estimates that every child under six should have at least a pint and a half of milk daily. To meet the situation disclosed by

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

Ruddy Cheeks—Sparkling Eyes—Most Women Can Have

Says Dr. Edwards, a Well-Known Ohio Physician

Dr. F. M. Edwards for 17 years treated scores of women for liver and bowel ailments. During these years he gave to his patients a prescription made of a few well-known vegetable ingredients mixed with olive oil, naming them Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. You will know them by their olive color.

These tablets are wonder-workers on the liver and bowels, which cause a normal action, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter in one's system.

If you have a pale face, sallow look, dull eyes, pimples, coated tongue, headaches, a listless, no-good feeling, all out of sorts, inactive bowels, you take one of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets nightly for a time and note the pleasing results.

Thousands of women as well as men take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the successful substitute for calomel—now and then just to keep in the pink of condition. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

These reports constant efforts will be made by the children's bureau to induce families to buy the required amount of milk. Except in cases where the cost of milk is really prohibitive for the very poor, it is believed that families can be educated to realize the absolute necessity of buying milk for their children. That mothers will procure even at a sacrifice that which is essential for their babies was shown in the educational campaign undertaken a few years ago by the New York milk committee to teach mothers the importance of clean milk. Once convinced that baby's life might be weakened by cheap milk even the very poorest insisted on buying grade A certified milk in spite of the increased cost.

That milk will have to be supplied at public expense for families who cannot afford to buy it while the present emergency lasts, is the conclusion of the children's bureau.

GERMAN FOR PEACE BY UNDERSTANDING

AMSTERDAM, Dec.—German victory in the war would mean that the Germans "as the dominant race, would have to keep in subjection by force of arms the crushed and dispossessed peoples," asserts Georg Goethel, a leading liberal member of the German Reichstag, in an editorial article in the official organ of the international German Association for Commercial Treaties.

"Should we actually succeed in gaining a decisive victory, which only a few persons believe possible," he writes, "we should have to bear a weight of arguments for that purpose which would make it impossible for our national strength, so terribly weakened in any case by bloody losses, again to regain its economic power. And yet without this permanent political strength is impossible. One day the world would rise against the German sway, would burst its fetters, would destroy our power which would be lacking in economic support. For it we have been able to hold out this time, we have above all to thank our economic efficiency."

"There remains only one solution, peace by understanding. A peace which is permanent must remove from the world the risk of power."

"An economic war after the war would be unbearable for Germany."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The members of L'Union Garin, Nationale Independente, met last night at C.M.A.C. hall and, besides transacting considerable routine business, elected officers for the ensuing term. President Etienne Raymond occupied the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Edmond Lambert; vice president, Alfred Gregoire; financial secretary, Albert Lebel; recording secretary, Arthur Robillard; treasurer, Raoul Monier; first guide, Joseph Goyette; second guide, William Bourgeois; first sentinel, Louis Gaudreau; trustee, Arthur Goyette, Francois Tremblay and Louis Gingras.

Four applications for membership were received and four new members were initiated. It was announced that the installation of officers would be held the second Thursday of January and that a fine program of entertainment would be arranged for the occasion and refreshments would be served.

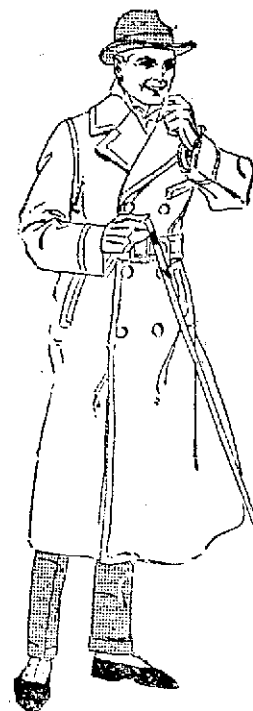
The regular meeting and election of officers of James A. Garfield, Post 120, C.A.E., was held Wednesday night, the election of officers resulting as follows: Commander, Thomas O. Regan; senior vice commander, Joseph Doherty; junior vice commander, N. B. Lamond; quartermaster, William L. Dickson; chaplain, A. J. Boies; surgeon, Charles W. Brown; officer of the day, A. W. Stockwell; officer of the guard, Alexander Plauders; trustees, post fund, C. H. Stickney, F. B. Butler, D. M. Plumbstead; trustees, burial lot, R. D. Plumbstead, W. L. Dickey; delegates to department convention, A. W. Stockwell, Alexander Plauders, William L. Dickson; alternates, Alex. Plauders, A. J. Boies, John Cochrane. Relief committees for respective wards were all re-elected. The following amendment to article 1, section 2, of the by-laws, offered Wednesday, Nov. 7: Resolved, that we change article 1, section 2, of the by-laws, so that it shall read, the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m., instead of the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The above amendment was voted upon, and defeated by a large majority.

At the meeting of Edith Prescott Wolcott auxiliary, No. 3, U.S.W.V., the following officers were elected to serve during the year 1918: President, Mrs. Isabel M. Ellis; senior vice president, Miss Elizabeth Larkin; junior vice president, Mrs. Ada Gilmore; chaplain, Mrs. Ida McShane; historian, Mrs. Mary Luercraft; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell; conductor, Miss Elsie McShane; assistant conductor, Miss Ruth Wynne; guard, Miss Elizabeth McBride; assistant guard, Miss Eliza Alice McShane; press correspondent, Mrs. Melissa F. Ellis, who is given an assistant in Mrs. Blanche M. Kelly.

The regular meeting of Council Carillon of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amérique, was held last night in C.A.C. hall, President Charles E. Barry occupying the chair. There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted during the evening, including the election of officers. During the early part of the meeting 12 new members were initiated and 16 applications for membership received. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Alexandre Thibault; vice president, Wilfred Thibault; secretary, Alvin Plourde; assistant secretary, Oscar Leclair; preceptor, Louis Asselin; treasurer, J. C. Morin; auditor, Octave Hardy; master of ceremonies, Joseph Moreau; chaplain, marshals Arthur Goyette and William Reel. Organizer J. N. Croteau of North Cambridge was present during the evening and complimented the council on its fine showing. Executive plans were made for a public installation to be held at the C.M.A.C. at the first meeting in January. Everybody is invited to be present and the president of the union, Henri J. Leclerc, of Manchester, N. H., will act as installing officer.

TALBOT'S

THE Overcoat Store



WE'VE talked Overcoats until every man in Lowell should know that this is the overcoat store. Our stock is equal any two other stores and our prices are as low as any and in most cases lower. Most people know this store but if you are one of the few who do not we take this time to ask you to inspect the best store and the best stock in the city.

Guarantee

We Guarantee Satisfactory service for everything we sell. You take no chances in trading here.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Good Clothes

Are the best in America. The best fabrics, the best models. Thoroughly guaranteed and moderately priced.

\$20 \$25 \$30
\$35 \$40

Special \$15 Overcoats

We realize the great demand for Fifteen Dollar Overcoats and by going through the market very early and making great purchases, we are enabled to show you all models including a big stock of Trench Overcoats at the price, many of which are equal the usual \$20 garments.

\$15

Special Ulster Bargain

We show and are selling a great many heavy Frieze Ulsters. Made with an extra weight macinaw lining. The coats are so very heavy they take the place of Fur Coats and are just as warm, being wind and water proof. You'll keep warm in these ulsters. They could not be produced today to sell less than thirty-five dollars and are wonders at

\$25

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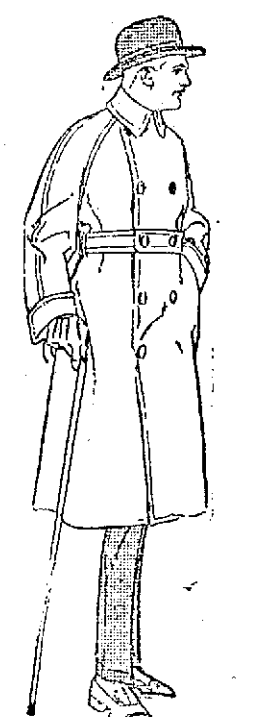
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Beige Blouses, all colors.....50c
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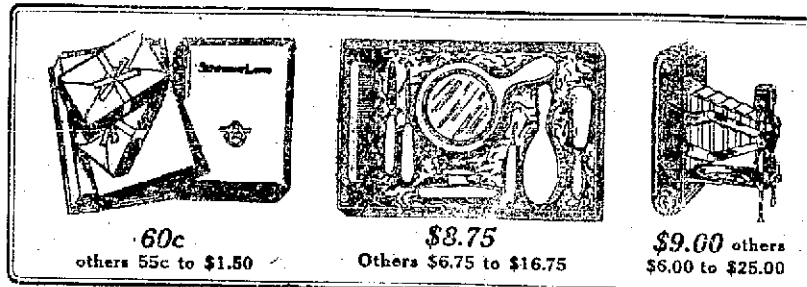


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Gifts from Liggett's are appreciated because they are useful, practical and uncommon.

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Godet French Perfumes \$1.25 to \$10.00
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Plain or Wrist Style.
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SAY LA FOLLETTE MUST QUIT

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 14.—The loyal element of the population of Wisconsin, which is in the overwhelming majority, is preparing to convince Robert M. La Follette that, by opposing the war policy of the government, he is misrepresenting and not representing the state in the United States senate.

Petty politics of a partisan character is to be subordinated to straight-out, unalloyed Americanism; the state is to take its place among the leaders in American thought and patriotic action. Unless the former progressive leader, now depending on the reactionary element in the state, and which for years he bitterly denounced, reforms his ways he is destined to experience the humiliation of a citizen without a state, a statesman without a constituency.

Already he has been rebuked for his failure to reflect the true sentiment of the people who sent him to speak for them in the national legislative councils. The students of the leading educational institutions of the state burned him in effigy only yesterday; his former followers are not only deserting him, but denouncing him, for continuing to sit as their chief representative in Washington.

To Demand His Retirement

They are indignant over his stubborn refusal to resign; they hope and confidently expect the senate itself will expel him. If he does not lose his seat through either process, he will be called upon to face a situation such as has confronted no other man in public life since the Civil war. There is not the slightest question that, at the special session of the legislature which Gov. Whillson soon is to call for some time in January, a joint resolution will be introduced—and from present indications adopted—calling on Mr. La Follette to retire from the senate. He is not expected to comply with either an official or popular demand that he do so, for it is not denied to possess the courage of his convictions right or wrong.

If this promise is correct the daily rising flood of resentment against him will crystallize shortly into a determined movement to dislodge him in an open fight. The first definite step in this direction will be taken on Tuesday next when the Loyal League of Wisconsin will select a date for its convention at Madison, the state capital, coincident with the convening of the legislature.

Must Declare His Attitude

The promoters of this enterprise propose to make it one of the most notable events of the kind ever held in this country. They will issue a ringing challenge to Mr. La Follette and his sympathizers to step forward and take their places on the side of the United States or on the side of its enemies. Politics will be absolutely discarded and set aside.

The issue will be pro-Americanism or pro-Germanism. There will be no middle ground. The league, called into existence because of the taint imposed on the state by the conduct of Mr. La Follette and his supporters in the congressional delegation—with the exception of Mr. Lenroot, whose Americanism is recognized and applauded everywhere—has but one purpose, the vindication of the state and its citizens.

DIVIDEND OF \$20 A SHARE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, today declares a special dividend of \$20 a share, payable in bonds of Great Britain and in Liberty bonds.

STOP WORRYING! KEEP YOUR CREDIT GOOD

Character in the Basis of Credit. For legitimate needs you can borrow necessary amounts without collateral, chattel mortgages or assignment of wages. The only requirements are good character of the applicant and the endorsement of two other reliable persons, who may be either salaried employees, professional or business men.

Loans are made at 6 per cent per year and a charge of \$1.00 for each \$50.00 borrowed. To illustrate:

IF YOU BORROW	YOU REPAY
\$50—The cost is \$4 per year	\$1 a week for 50 weeks
\$100—The cost is \$8 per year	\$2 a week for 50 weeks
\$150—The cost is \$12 per year	\$3 a week for 50 weeks
\$200—The cost is \$16 per year	\$4 a week for 50 weeks
\$500—The cost is \$35 per year	\$10 a week for 50 weeks

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We will be glad to loan you for the full value at 6 per cent, and you can redeem them at any time on our easy weekly repayment plan.

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Capital \$100,000.

18 SHATTUCK ST.

Open Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

CONGESTION AT FORT SLOCUM

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The number of United States army volunteers who cannot be accommodated at the recruiting camp at Fort Slocum, near here, became so great today that the board of estimate of the municipality voted the major emergency appropriation of \$5000 to feed and house the recruits.

The arrival of 20 cars loaded with recruits from New England points last night and hundreds from New York city brought the total number of recruits depending on the city for aid to seven or eight thousand. It was estimated today. More were coming in today and the city authorities said that unless some measures were taken by the government to stop the inflow the situation by tomorrow would become hopeless.

Inability of the army officers to move recruits away to training camps because of traffic conditions on the railroads is said to be particularly responsible for the congestion.

Thousands of the incoming recruits had to be given shelter last night in the churches of the city, every one of which was crowded to capacity. In the Y.M.C.A. and similar institutions in public buildings, in dance halls and in the homes of private citizens, who are responding generously to the situation.

Many of the men are without funds or extra clothing and are dependent on the kindness of housewives for food. The recruits, however, repaid the hospitality this morning by clearing sidewalks of snow. Never in the history of the city was snow removed from the streets after a storm so quickly as today.

GREELEY'S ORIGINAL "GO WEST" LETTER BURNED

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 14.—The original letter written by Horace Greeley entitled "Go West Young Man" was one of the many treasures destroyed when the residence of Joseph G. Butler, wealthy steel man, was destroyed here Tuesday night. The loss became known yesterday when an inventory was taken to learn what had been destroyed.

The damage by the fire is estimated at more than \$200,000, valuable oil paintings having been burned along with autographs of every president from Lincoln to Wilson. A painting by Detzelle, depicting a battle scene with extraordinary vividness, was one of the most valuable paintings lost. Mr. Butler did not disclose how he obtained possession of the original Greeley letter.

TWO NAVAL RESERVISITS BLOWN OUT TO SEA

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 14.—Two naval reservists, blown out to sea in an open boat during the height of the storm last night, were missing today despite a vigorous search. The men were members of the crew of a patrol boat which became entangled in the submarine net outside the harbor and put off in a small boat to help in clearing her. That was the last seen of them.

BAY STATE MAN BLOCKS VOTE ON SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Majority leader Kitchin sought unanimous consent of the house today to vote Jan. 7 on the constitutional suffrage amendment, but Representative Walsh, Massachusetts, objected, and that ended it for the time being.

OLD FASHIONED SNOW STORM IN MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 14.—Manchester awoke this morning, to find itself in the grip of an old-fashioned winter snow storm. A good nine inches of snow had fallen. The outlying districts report that the snow drifted to nearly three feet in some places. Travel was difficult and railroad schedules were materially affected.

COMMITTEE TO PROBE CONDUCT OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A house sub-committee thoroughly to investigate the conduct of the war by the navy was created by the naval committee today in executive session. Hearings will be arranged soon. Secretary of the navy, bureau chiefs and officers who have been on duty abroad will be called.



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UMBRELLAS, \$1 to \$8.50	WARDROBE TRUNKS, \$20 to \$40	PROFESSIONAL BAGS, \$1.35 to \$8	SHAVING SETS, a Man's Necessity
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POCKETBOOKS, 25c to \$9	SUIT CASES, 75c to \$20	PICTURES and MIRRORS, All Kinds. All Prices	MILITARY SETS, 50c to \$10
SERVING TRAYS, The Ideal Gift	SMOKING SETS, a Man's Comfort	VACUUM BOTTLES, \$1.10 to \$5	ELECTRICAL LAMPS, a Good Variety
TRAVELING BAGS, \$1.25 to \$30			FLASHLIGHTS, 50c to \$2.50

Here you will find without exception the Largest and Most Reasonably Priced Stock of Umbrellas, Traveling Bags and Pocketbooks Which is Carried in This City.

SARRE BROTHERS 520 Merrimack Street

SOLDIER EXPOSES SLACKER PLOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The patriotism of Private Whitestone led him to offer himself for a unique and possibly dangerous medical operation so that the government could find a way of defeating a slacker's scheme. It was said at the office of the director of the draft yesterday that young Whitestone's acuteness and pluck may save hundreds of men to the government—men that otherwise might have wriggled out of military service.

Louis Whitestone, 28, is an enlisted man in Medical corps, No. 3. He has been living for some time at the Hotel Margrave at 103 West 72nd street. When standing in the lobby the other day he overheard a soft voiced conversation between two men, one of whom, it quickly appeared, was a doctor and the other a young man who was none too anxious to put on khaki. The conversation was so engrossing to young Whitestone that he raised his newspaper a little higher so as to hide behind it, and edged a few feet closer to the schemers.

Overheard Details of Plot
"I am almost certain to be drafted," said the young man in a tone that revealed fright and desperation. "I don't want to go into the army. I've got to find a way to beat the game—I've just got to."

"Well, you needn't go crazy about it," Whitestone heard the other reply. "There are ways of beating the game."

FIT-ALL CASES

As the name indicates, they "fit-all" necessary toilet articles that a soldier or traveler may need. Made of attractive waterproof material with pockets and straps to securely and compactly hold razor, comb, brushes, soap case, etc. They make an ideal, practical present.

Empty Cases from, 85c to \$3.50

Furnished, from, \$2.00 to \$12.00

HOWARD The Druggist, 197 Central St.

PRES. WILSON HAILED AS WORLD LEADER

LONDON, Dec. 14.—New Europe, an exponent of opinion on foreign affairs in a discussion of President Wilson's message and Lloyd George, says: "Those who gave him (Lloyd George) nine months ago the title of prime minister of Europe would today be the first to admit he has resigned that rank in favor of one who is not a European. The political leadership has been transferred, at least for the moment, from London to Washington."

"This fact, which a narrow national pride might tempt us to regret, should, in reality, be welcomed as a further sign of that growing spiritual community between the two branches of the English-speaking world whose frank co-operation is essential, both to their own welfare and to lasting peace."

Symptoms Deceive Army Doctors
Hoffheimer gave the injections, and in rather less than twenty-four hours the disagreeable symptoms predicted by the unidentified doctor appeared. Then Hoffheimer developed his plan for detailed proof.

He requested Private Whitestone to appear before an army medical staff for examination. The doctors looked him over and said with one accord, "You're all wrong," said Hoffheimer gleefully. "There isn't a thing the matter with him."

And he told the whole story. A little later Dr. Director Philip J. McCook in his office in the hall of records gave out this statement from Adj. Gen. Sherrill's office. "We received yesterday from Draft Director McCook full information on this subject. The matter was immediately taken up and investigated, and local boards will be warned to be on the alert."

"In any event, it is plain that no serious results could happen from such frauds, for under the second draft every registrant must be classified, and must when called submit to a physical examination, no matter whether he had been physically examined previously or not. Any suspicious case like this will be sent whenever disclosed to a medical advisory board as a further check."

Army medical men were not all inclined to believe that no serious fraud could occur from this scheme of slackerery. Some of them thought it would be very easy for slackers to work the plan even when called for a second physical examination.

CARTRIDGE CO. GRANTS WAGE INCREASE

Another voluntary increase in wages has been granted the employees of the United States Cartridge company. The first pay under the new schedule will be drawn this week.

The employees who were receiving below 50 cents an hour for their services are being given an increase of cents an hour, while all others with the exception of salaried employees who were receiving 30 cents an hour will receive a flat increase of 10 per cent.

On account of the shortage of men in the United States Cartridge company, the smallest denomination of coin now being used in pay envelopes at the local plants of the company is the nickel. The company is paying five cents for three cents of over, while the fraction below three cents is a loss to the employees. In the pay comes to say \$18.75, the employee gets \$18.75, and if the pay amounts to \$18.75, the employee gets \$18.75.

The following notice, which is of importance to both the employees and overseers, was recently posted in the various departments of the plant and officials insist that the notice be lived up to by all:

While the company does not wish to interfere with the beautiful custom of gift giving among friends at Christmas time, it does prohibit the presentation of gifts by employees to their overseers and assistant overseers. Such gifts are prone to cause favoritism and favoritism begets jealousy and inefficiency. Therefore, overseers, assistant overseers, foremen and assistant foremen are hereby prohibited from receiving gifts at Christmas time or any other time from employees in their charge.

Gerald Cahill, Superintendent.

Coal Shortage

Is really a serious matter and you should take every precaution to save every pound of coal you have. You can save a lot by using our

FLEXIBLE FELT WEATHER STRIPS

Easy to put on, adapted to any place and are cheap. 25 Ft. Package, 45c to 75c

Just put your hand over the cracks or joints in your window or door and see how much cold comes in and then put a strip of our felt over it and you'll be surprised. Do it now.

—THE—

Thompson Hdw. Co.

Tel. 156—157

U.S. IS DEVELOPING MINERAL RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Van F. Manning, director of the bureau of mines, in his annual report, made public last night, says such rapid strides are being made toward developing within the United States sources of potash, nitrate, iron pyrites, manganese that it may soon be possible to reduce the importation of these commodities and release shipping tonnage for other war work.

CHRISTMAS SALE

At January Mark
Down Prices

\$40 Suits	\$25.00
\$30 SUITS	\$18.75
\$25 Suits	\$14.50
50 Odd Suits in all shades, values to \$25.	Choice \$12.50
\$18 Coats	\$10.98
\$25 Coats	\$16.75
\$30 Coats	\$20.00
65 Odd Coats, all sizes, values to \$27.50.	Choice \$9.75

DRESSES

Serges, poplins, satins, crepe de chine and velvets. Values \$15 to \$25, \$8.98, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00.

200 Serge Poplin Skirts, values to \$8.75. Choice, \$4.50

FURS!

Muffs at \$2.98 to \$30
Scarfs at \$1.98 to \$35
Fur Sets \$5 to \$85

SILK PETTICOATS

Values \$4.50 to \$7.50. \$2.98, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

You can't afford to miss this sale, as you can save enough on each garment to buy your Christmas presents.

Lemkin Cloak and Suit Store

228 Merrimack Street

Opp. St. Anne's Church



Maker & McCurdy

CORSET SHOP 191 MERRIMACK STREET

Don't wait for next week, begin today and look here for the "Happy Christmas Suggestion." Our shop is full of "Gift Things." Our salespeople delighted to show you.

BRASSIERES—The Indispensable

Nine Women Out of Every Ten Wear Them. We have them in flesh and white, daintily trimmed with lace, silk and lace, and all lace, ranging in price from, 50c to \$3.00

UNDERWEAR

Our Boxes Are Running Over with the Handsomest Garments in—

Corset Covers—All lace trimmed	25c to \$1.60
Covers with sleeves	50c, 89c, \$1.00
Envelope Chemise—Special Christmas number, lace trimmed front and back	\$1.00
Very handsome styles	\$1.50 to \$2.00
Crepe de chine beauties	\$1.98 to \$4.98
Gowns—Twenty Handsome styles, at	\$1.00 Each
Very fascinating styles	\$1.50 to \$7.98
Pink Silk Matinee Jackets, Skirts to match.	
Boudoir Caps, dainty, all colors	39c to \$2.25

HANDKERCHIEFS

The same old gift but always acceptable and always new and dainty designs in embroidery. This season, prettier than ever.

Women's, in pure white hand embroidered, also in dainty blended colored embroidery.

Men's—Plain and initial.

Children's, in pleasing embroidered novelties, and attractively boxed, at prices to fit every pocketbook.

APRONS

Aprons for every use, from the Work Apron to the dainty Dainty Apron for waitresses, nurses and maids.

WOMEN'S HOSIERY

Lisle and fibre in black, white and colors. Silk hose, every one wants them this season. We sell the "McCallum."

PIN TUMBLERS BUSY
ON LOCAL ALLEYS

Following are the results of games rolled last night in the City league:

CRESCENTS			
Jewett	87	91	284
Conannon	97	95	303
Johnson	97	95	282
Lebrun	103	93	286
Kelley	96	98	313

Three points.

481	490	497	1468
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One point.

459	467	499	1426
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MIDDLESEX.

Perrin	109	112	321
Moulton	85	92	271
Earns	106	100	286
O'Brien	89	89	240
Estes	180	120	305

Four points.

529	513	494	1536
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KIMBALLS.

Dooley	93	96	260
Kimball	79	91	244
Myrick	122	101	323
Whipple	109	80	275
Jodoin	97	92	269

No points.

500	460	462	1432
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QUINNS.

Quinn	83	74	242
Marsden	89	75	261
Brown	106	88	294
McNeil	101	94	295
Holmes	105	110	315

Three points.

484	444	481	1409
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GARRS.

Burke	82	87	279
Ross	85	91	276
Cohen	91	90	280
Durrough	82	87	268
Murphy	101	98	299

One point.

482	456	477	1395
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HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS.

Cole	110	91	313
Hall	83	110	278
McGovern	112	83	321
Lwyer	94	126	316

AT—TONIGHT—

Polo Rollaway

LOWELL VS. LAWRENCE

Game starts at 8.30.

Amateur game at 7.30.

Saturday Afternoon at 2.45:

TAUNTON VS. LOWELL.

Xempton	87	86	74	249
	487	496	510	1493

Four points.

Merrimacks forfeited four points to the Daylight team on account of not having team.

SPINDLE CITY.

Bosquet	90	85	79	254
Letendre	76	96	102	273
Baril	79	95	89	263
Sibert	83	84	88	255
Hindle	91	95	92	278

Totals.

428	435	450	1333
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One point.

428	435	450	1333
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JEWELS.

Grew	76	92	79	247
Breault	82	83	91	256
Charrette	77	88	75	240
Spanos	101	93	101	295
Veros	100	95	87	282

Totals.

440	478	429	1347
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Three points.

Merrimacks and Quinns.

This is the result of the game between Merrimacks and Quinns postponed from Tuesday.

QUINNS.

Quinn	87	85	97	269
Small	89	94	91	274
Brown	111	85	93	289
McNeil	87	103	92	282
Holmes	97	83	112	292

Totals.

465	454	477	1396
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Three points.

MERRIMACKS.

Savage	95	77	83	255
Kimball	91	105	91	287
Kilpatrick	89	94	95	278
Noonan	94	87	92	273
O'Brien	86	102	103	291

Totals.

446	468	469	1383
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Eddie Collins, White Sox star, to enlist.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Eddie Collins, star second baseman for whom President Comiskey of the White Sox paid the Philadelphia Athletics \$50,000 three years ago, expects to enlist in some branch of war service soon, according to S. E. Johnson, president of the American league. Comiskey gave Collins a \$15,000 bonus for joining the club and paid him \$15,000 a year.

National and American league club owners met here today in a joint conference to take up questions of war policies.

The American league owners finished

their meeting yesterday after deciding to retain the 25 players' limit and to continue spring training trips.

Two plans for shortening the playing season have been suggested. One is to reduce the schedule to 140 games.

The other is to play the usual 154 games, but to shorten the season to five and a half months by reducing the number of open dates. A majority of American league owners favors the 140-game plan while the National league voted to retain 154-game schedule.

Another matter to come before the owners is disposal of the \$110,000 fund agreed upon to reimburse backers of the defunct Federal league. It was revealed at the American league sessions that Edward Gwinner, who was financially interested in the Pittsburgh Federals, would receive \$50,000 and that the remainder would be divided between Harry Sinclair, who backed the Newark team and the Ward estate of New York which was behind the Brooklyn team.

Although the American league took no definite action on collection of the war tax, the owners agreed, unless the National league had a better plan to add three, five, eight and ten cents respectively to each 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1 admission.

The National league's suggestion for a rearrangement of division of world series game receipts has found little favor among the American league owners.

C.V.M.L. MIDGETS AND LOWELL BOYS CLUB PLAY TIE.

The Lowell Boys' club and C.V.M.L. Midgets basketball teams fought to a tie score last evening in the Boys' club hall in Dutton street, each quintet being able to pile up 10 points and no more.

The Boys' club was outwitted by the C.V.M.L. basket shooters and but for the fast game they put up the contest might easily have resulted in a victory for the visitors. Both teams were rough at times. Brown, Higgins and Manning starred for the Boys club and R. Foley for the Midgets. The lineup and score:

Boys' Club.

Brown, Jr.	15	C. Rogers
Higgins, Jr.	10	R. Foley
Casey	7	F. Manning
Foley, Jr.	10	H. D. Randall
F. Manning, Jr.	10	R. D. Randall
Senne	10	M. Higgins
Referee	10	M. Higgins
Timer	10	M. Higgins
Referee	10	M. Higgins
Timer	10	M. Higgins

Midgets.

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Totals.

446	468	469	1383
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NEBES TO SKATE THREE MEN AT MARLBORO.

Albert Nebes, the local roller skating champion, will journey to Marlboro Saturday night, in response to a challenge made by the Marlboro roller skating team, composed of skaters from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, to meet the challengers at the Pastime rink in a six-mile race.

The Lowell boy will start at scratch while the first of the opposing team will be given a three-lap handicap. The latter may be relayed at will by his two team mates, each relay to be made with a flying start. To win Nebes must gain the three laps and be leading at the finish. This is quite an accomplishment, but the Lowell boy feels confident that he will cross the tape in the lead. He has trained carefully for the match, and if unsuccessful will have no alibi to offer. This will be Nebes' first race of the season out of town, and if he wins he has several other races in view.

LOWELL TRIMMED BY
BRUCKTON, 9 TO 4

AM. POLO LEAGUE STANDING.

Lowell	Won	Lost	P.C.
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Worcester	8	5	61.5
Taunton	5	4	60.0
Brookton	6	7	50.0
Providence	4	6	38.4
Lawrence	4	9	30.8

BROCKTON, Dec. 14.—Brockton easily trimmed Lowell in a one-sided polo game at the Palace rink last night, 9 to 4. Red Williams and H. Brockton's speedy offensive pair, advanced the ball into Lowell territory repeatedly by passing and fast skating. Williams, as usual, was the star of the game for Brockton. He followed the ball like a hound and started most of the Brockton plays. Hart, paired with him well. Harkins and Griffith played well. Harkins flashed through the Brockton team a few times by fast skating. Griffith followed the ball well. Purcell was a busy goateed, being target for 52 Brockton shots, which he booted from the net. The score:

Lowell	Williams, Jr.	H. Oldham
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Hart, Jr.	2	2
Brown, Jr.	1	1
Roberts, Jr.	1	1
Conley, Jr.	1	1

(First Period)

Time

Claged by, won by	1.35
Oldham, Lowell	1.55
Williams, Brockton	1.55
Hart, Brockton	3.20
Hart, Brockton	3.20
Williams, Brockton	2.00

(Second Period)

Harkins, Lowell	5.35
Hart, Brockton	7.50
Williams, Brockton	1.15

(Third Period)

Harkins, Lowell	5.30
Williams, Brockton	1.55
Williams, Brockton	1.55
Griffith, Lowell	4.15
Hart, Brockton	1.15

Score: Brockton 9, Lowell 4. Stops: Purcell 52, Conley 36, Foul: Doherty.

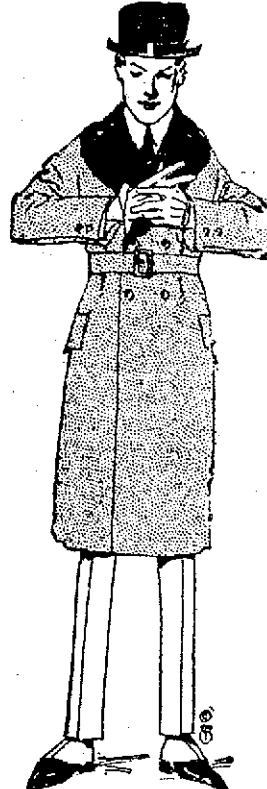
Referee, Galtigan; timer, Waybury.

POLO NOTES.

Lawrence at Lowell tonight.

Tonight's game between Lowell and

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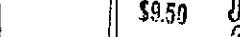
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Lawrence should prove one of the most exciting of the season. Lawrence has not lost a game, since securing Duggan and Blount, and feel confident that it will continue its rapid pace. The Lowell boys, however, are determined that they will stop the "Invaders," and they are going into the battle with that intention. Both are fast, hard hitting teams, and their next game at Lawrence last Saturday night, has put both on edge for tonight's encounter.

Jesse Burlett will officiate as referee, tonight, which means that the game will be run off according to Hoyle. Jesse, as all the baseball and polo fans know, rules with an iron hand, and one with that qualification will no doubt be needed to handle tonight's encounter.

Tomorrow afternoon, Taunton will play Lowell at the Lowell rink, and another good game is in prospect. These two quintets clashed here last Monday night, and the game was the best of the season. The winner was not determined until within five minutes of the final whistle, when Griffith of Lowell cut loose a drive from the center of the rink that sent the ball by Allard like a streak of lightning for the goal that won the game. It was some game, and if tomorrow's set-to is anything like it, it will be worth going some distance to see.

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In the rush work of preparing for war, do not neglect the little children. Do not let them suffer from cold or hunger or lack of a sufficiency of the food they require.

Just what resulted in such a sweeping license victory is not entirely clear. Nor is the paradoxical claim quite conclusive that the strongest argument for no license brought the most votes to the license column. There is plenty of time between now and December, 1918, to figure out how it all happened.

As the Bay State Street Railway Company has gone into the hands of a receiver by petition of the company it is on the financial operating table so to speak. The slump in the securities of this and other companies similarly situated has been a great source of loss to many investors who put their money into the stock with the hope of getting liberal dividends. Most of them would now be glad to get their money back, but they never will.

RUSSIANS NOT BUILDERS

One of the easiest things man does is to stand on a soap-box and build out of hot-air a state. He can take money from the rich and give it to the poor. He can abolish capitalism with a few ringing sentences, and lift poor humanity from the street and dump it right into peace, comfort and luxury. He can yank the mighty from their thrones and hurl them headlong into oblivion.

Such is the wonderful power of imagination and oratory. The only trouble is that when the eloquent orator gets a chance to perform he has a Dickens of a time in making his dreams come true.

Old human nature is so perverse and stupid that it won't move any faster than it can move en masse, and can't evolve as fast as its dreamers can dream.

The Lenin and Trotsky were loaded to the muzzle with dreams, and very pretty dreams at that. They dreamed a farm to every Russian peasant. They dreamed democracy to all the world, and all any nation needed was a few Lenins and Trotskys to boss the job and bump the head of every blamed Bolshevik who wouldn't be just as democratic as he was ordered to be.

They wanted to free poor Russia from autocracy, even if they had to out-ear the czar to do it. They wanted every Russian to do as he pleased, but jailed him if he didn't please as Lenin and Trotsky pleased while Lenin and Trotsky did as the Kaiser pleased.

Poor Russia is drunk on dreams, and has an awful headache coming. But the world will profit by her experience. The one thing that is certain in the near future is the awful failure of the Bolshevik utopia. Then the world will think several times before, elsewhere, it turns over the building of a democratic state to lung-testing wind-jammers who never built anything more substantial than a bad dream or a burst of soap-box oratory.

After all, experience counts for something. Democracies can be built only by laying one brick at a time. Dreamers may point the way; they may dream the plan—but even the plodders must do their part of the work before the dream comes true.

NOW FOR A NEW CHARTER

The election of Tuesday was scarcely worth while, considering the small number of candidates. Five men were chosen from twice as many candidates and in addition the voters passed judgment on the question of license or no license. The councilors had very little to do and were quickly through with the job of canvassing the ballots after the polls closed.

There would have been much greater interest if there had been 30 candidates from whom to select 15 commissioners in addition to the two or three from whom to choose a mayor.

At the next city election we may be voting under a new charter, electing one alderman from each ward and six nominated at large, all to be voted for by the entire city.

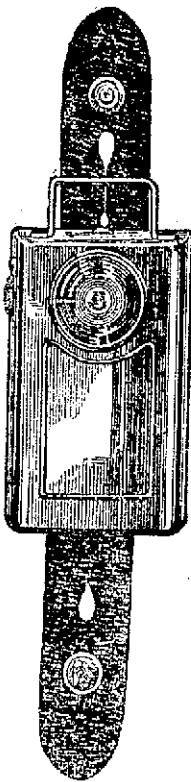
The cities that have tried out the small commission form of government have found it a great disappointment and they are glad to be rid of it. It has proved a veritable humbug in the city of Lowell as well as in Lynn and elsewhere. The number of members is but one-third of what it should be; three members constitute a majority of the council, and if they vote to sell city hall, the mayor cannot stop them. Thus every city under this form of government is in danger of being robbed or saddled with unnecessary debt by the majority of the municipal council. Against such a contingency there is absolutely no protection and there will be none until we get a new charter. There is a recall provision but it is so impractical as to be of little or no use except in very extreme cases.

The mayor of a city like Lowell should be vested with executive powers becoming the executive of a respectable city, but under our present charter the mayor is merely a member of the municipal council and can be overruled by the three members who happen to unite as a ruling majority, or triumvirate, if you will.

That is not as it should be. The mayor should possess the power of veto over the acts of the council as a protection against unwise or hasty action by that body. This is a check that would protect the city against such hasty action as was taken in awarding the Bartlett school contract when one of the commissioners admitted publicly that he voted for the contract to save a contractor who had purchased material in anticipation of getting the contract.

Why should any contractor purchase material in anticipation of getting the contract before the bids were called for? And even if he had done so, why should this fact influence the vote of any commissioner in deciding whether an important building project should be entered upon then or at some future period? If there had

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been fifteen members in the council or if eight ruled instead of three, could anything of that kind happen? We believe not.

This is but one of many cases that might be cited to show the shortcomings of the present charter and the need of a larger body which would undoubtedly have a greater proportion of representative men.

The \$2500 salary is the chief reason why prominent business men will not run for the municipal council. They would not enter into a scrap for the salary although they would be proud to go in and give their services free of charge. For that reason there should be either a nominal salary or none at all.

The members of the council would not be required to give all their time to the city's business. One meeting a week under ordinary circumstances would be sufficient. The heads of departments should be held accountable to the council and subject to suspension by the mayor.

The fiasco of having commissioners usurp the function of the heads of departments although knowing little technically of the business, has already done the city very serious damage. Another absurdity is, that under the present charter, the commissioners who direct the expenditure of the city's money, have the sole decision as to what will be the amount of their appropriations and how it will be spent.

That is contrary to custom in all well regulated city governments. It is undoubtedly a fact that with a new charter such as we have here outlined, the city can get more for its money than under present conditions. That is why the movement for a change in the charter should be taken up by every ward in the city and pushed to a referendum at the next state election so that our municipal election in 1918 may be held under the new charter.

SEEN AND HEARD

In choosing a wife, young man, use your ears as well as your eyes.

The only excuse for saying that the young girl with a dimple soon becomes the woman with the wrinkle is because we insist upon telling the truth.

Try This on Your Ukulele With our altruistic disposition to benefit typographers and proofreaders, and not leave them alone with gloomy thoughts, we dangle before them in our little sunbeam way the glad announcement of the marriage in Clearfield, Penn., of Simonichonczak Agonstiskivitchskij, and Sventrevittaskaska Divanowstetazaskiko. —Pittsburg Post.

No Luck in That Horseshoe Good luck no longer rests in horseshoes, especially the floral kind, according to what happened to Frederick A. Tolhurst, inventor and art collector, of New York.

Some "freaks" who later turned out to be detectives, visited his apartment recently to surprise him. They carried out their purpose, according to Tolhurst, who says they gained admission by showing a floral horseshoe.

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and surprised Tolhurst to the extent of finding a young woman in negligee in the apartment. Tolhurst was naturally astounded. He said Tolhurst was given \$50 a week alimony by the justice to whom she spoke about it.

The Average Man I'm just as well and hearty as it's possible to be. There's not a fellow of my age that's healthier than me. I'm strong and sound in wind and limb. I have an appetite. That anyone might envy, and I sleep well every night. I smoke, of course, and drink a little, do not exercise. And read in bed, which doctors say is hard upon the eyes; But doctors don't know everything, it frequently appears— Just look at me—so well and strong as one of half my years!

I find that smoking calms my nerves they're always on the blink. The morning after I have had a bit to much to drink; I find that drinking steadies me—and I'm in need of such a little bit too much. The doctor says I should play golf—I can't persuade the chap. That one who eats as much as I should have his daily nap. He makes a lot of fuss about my little trifling ills. Which I can always regulate with Bunkem's Liver Pills.

These fits of indigestion some fine day will take me off— To hear him talk! He frowns about this little chronic cough. He says my headache medicine has lurking danger in it— Then let him make a better one—this cures me in a minute! A lot the doctors know! My partner died last Saturday.

And no one thought him very sick, till he had passed away. Some hidden weakness I suppose it was—but, anyhow, If he'd been careful of himself, like me, he'd be here now! —Ted Robinson, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bidders Wouldn't Bite A friend tells the Rockland Standard's Roamer that he attended an auction in Lowell a few days ago and C. O. Davis, the live auctioneer, brought out a small package and said it was

READY NOW AT OLD PRICES Fresh lots (just received) of Teller's Honey and Tar are selling at before-the-war prices. This puts a well known cough medicine, ready to use, in homes at less than it costs to buy and mix the ingredients yourself, and saves bother and fuss. Mrs. Mary Kirby, 303 Princeton ave., Spokane, Wash., writes: "I was sick in bed with laryngitis, I coughed very badly. I took Teller's Honey and Tar. It stopped my cough and I got better. So now I am around the house again." Falls & Burkinshaw, 418 Middlesex st.; Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central st.



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—fur outside, black Siberian dogskin, black hair seal and wallaby—54 inches in length—with wind shields at cuffs.....\$45 to \$85

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sugar. Everybody laughed, but Davis insisted that it was. He said that it weighed two pounds and tried and tried to get bids on the package, but all that was bid was five cents and finally it was sold at that price. When the purchaser opened the package and found it really was sugar there was almost a riot. Later at the same auction Davis brought out another package weighing one pound and said it was sugar. He got 35 cents bid for it and sold it.

What Is the Fare? According to a Taunton correspondent who insists in spite of the many letters that we have written him asking him for the use of his name to remain hidden, writes us that once upon a time the People's Home Journal printed a piece which ran about as follows:

An old lady, unfamiliar with city life, in response to a conductor's "fare, please," asked: "What is the fare?" to which his excellency replied: "The fare is the tariff, or tax, levied by the corporation owning and controlling the charter and franchise of this street railway company upon those persons who desire to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by the company to secure more rapid and agreeable transportation than furnished by pedal locomotion." Again she gasped: "What is the fare?" "Five cents, please!"—Bay State Tri-anglo Talks.

Strike Involves Limburger Brigade Frankfurters young. Frankfurters old. Frankfurters in the pot. Cold, cold, cold.

This was the new battle cry of the New York Delicatessen Clerks' union, invented in anticipation of the great frankfurter and bologna strike that is due to descend upon the city this week. With mercurial determination in his eye Joseph Brodsky, the famous delicatessen organizer, announced the appointment of a strike committee which will be responsible for the calling out of 3000 cheese and bologna clerks who daily serve out the limburger without the aid of gas masks.

"No more hot dishes will be served from delicatessen stores," declared Mr. Brodsky. "It is not enough. I mean is it not enough—that people should help us out on the strike by cooking their own bolognas?"

Interpreted this means that the kitchen workers in the delicatessen stores will be asked to strike as well as the clerks and kitchen workers being the unseen individuals who boil frankfurters, heat corned beef and cabbage and live all their lives in mysterious back rooms amidst noxious odors.

The worst part—the worst part of the strike scandalously relates to the

neglect of the pork and beans pots that will result from the walkout. For years thousands upon thousands of the city's population have been prone to forgo on Sunday suppers of "hot ham and —" "beef and —" or "pork and —" according to taste and race. This favorite hot dish has always been procurable in the delicatessen stores by the housewives who planned to take one evening a week off at home and let "the Dutchman on the corner" do the cooking.

Now, if all the delicatessen stores small enough to exclude dust and are closed by a great walkout of clerks drabs,

and cooks, thousands are woefully antcipating frankfurterless Mondays, beanless Sundays, not to mention limburgerless weeklies.

Mr. Brodsky said all the workers wanted was a 10-hour day and a slight increase in wages. Only ten hours a day! Ain't those delicatesseners the loafers?

A porous glass for ventilation is being made in France, the holes being closed by a great walkout of clerks drabs.



MEN'S FUR CAPS

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They also serve who join the Great Red Cross



Membership Fee is only One Dollar

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FEDERAL PROTECTION OF
MOTHERHOOD

WASHINGTON, Dec.—A plan for enabling every American mother to have the care she needs when her baby is born is proposed by Miss Julia C. Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau of the U. S. department of labor, in her fifth annual report made public recently. Through federal grants like those made for agricultural extension in this country, Miss Lathrop suggests that the state and federal governments could combine in the United States to make accessible and available to every mother the care she needs for herself and her children.

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Meliga of the children's bureau has shown in her study of maternal mortality at least 16,000 American mothers die each year from causes connected with child-bearing.

Realizing what the ill health and suffering which lie behind this startling figure mean to the home and to the child's wellbeing, the children's bureau, in trying to find out why babies die, has sought the reasons for this great waste of mothers' lives. The bureau reports a great lack of facilities for caring for mothers in the United States.

In the great western grazing states a mother often cannot get the care of doctor or nurse when her baby is born; perhaps the nearest physician lives 65 miles away. In older parts of the country the same inaccessibility of skilled care prevails. It suggests why, although the male death rate is greater than the female throughout life, rural women between 20 and 45 die at a rate nearly equal to that of country men.

Better care for mothers, with government aid to local authorities and agencies, has been part of Great Britain's war program; she has achieved for 1916 her lowest infant mortality rate. The government of New Zealand, whose infant mortality rate is scarcely half that of the United States, has for several years afforded to New Zealand mothers care at childbirth.

If the lives and wellbeing of mothers and babies in the United States are to be protected, Miss Lathrop believes that public health nurses must be maintained to show the mother miles out in the country and the mother in the crowded tenement how to care for herself and her children. Schools and universities should offer instruction covering the field of hygiene for mothers and children, for persons of varying ages and circumstances.

At a convenient centre it should be possible to secure examination of well children and expert advice as to their best development. Adequate constant care should be available. Hos-



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STRAIGHT 5 CENT CAR
FARE IN FALL RIVER

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The action of the public service commission in authorizing the Bay State Street Railway company to discontinue the sale of tickets, for use within the city limits of Fall River, at six rides for 25c and charge instead a straight five-cent fare, was upheld yesterday by the supreme court. The court dismissed a petition from the city of Fall River asking that the commission's decision be reviewed.

The petition cited an agreement entered into by the Globe Street Railway company, of which the Bay State is the successor, to sell tickets at the reduced rate. The court ruled that subsequent statutes had empowered the public service commission to exercise sound discretion based on evidence of the company's financial condition and ability to serve the public. It has been estimated that the abolition of the six-ride tickets in Fall River will increase the Bay State company's income about \$45,000 to \$50,000 annually.

SPECIAL WIRELESS FOR
THE VATICAN

MILAN, Dec. 14.—The establishment of a wireless station on the dome of St. Peter's at Rome has been suggested to the Vatican so that it may secure independent transmission of foreign messages of diplomatic character. In code and also receive confidential and reliable reports from the Vatican's representatives abroad. The question of speed is involved since at the present time wire communication from France and England consumes 24 hours while much longer is required to receive messages and news from the United States.

While the Vatican has not complained to the Italian government regarding telegraphic communication it is assumed that the censor uses ordinary precautions. During the war the majority of the confidential messages from the pope or Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, have been sent by special courier. Lesser messages have been sent by mail.

The wireless would have the advantage of being direct with Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Russia. The Vatican never has been able to rely upon newspaper reports for quick news. As to German and Russian news it has not been certain how much has been left out or how much has been doctored.

The Italian government is not likely to raise decided objections because the Vatican never has paid tolls on its messages. The proposed wireless would relieve the heavy pressure on existing ordinary lines.

\$75,000 LOSS BY FIRE
AT POULTNEY, VT.

POULTNEY, Vt., Dec. 14.—Three buildings in the business section of this town were destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, the loss being estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The fire started in the building owned by John Tomassi and occupied by him on the first floor as a fruit store. The cause is unknown. On the ground floor were also the jewelry store of Merritt Carlton and the market of Davis and Newton. The structure was three and a half stories in height, there being several tenants upstairs.

The fire then spread to the E. M. Bixby block occupied by J. B. Drew, druggist, and Charles Louie, jeweler, on the second floor, and to the Horton block, occupied by the owner, A. E. Horton, as a hardware store and on the second floor by Dr. J. J. Derven and family.

The Humphrey block, a cement building, was badly damaged by water. This was occupied by the Poultney Journal printing plant, the post office, the Wilson Clothing company and the Direct Importing Tea company.

Warren Parker, a fireman, fell from a railing, striking on a barrel and breaking several ribs.

The Horton Hardware company's loss is \$25,000, insurance \$5000; Davis & Newton \$2000, insurance \$300; J. B.

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BOSTON SCHOOLS TO
HELP DRAFT BOARDS

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—In response to the request of Provost Marshal General Crowder, the Boston school committee, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, authorized Supt. of Schools Franklin E. Dyer for the schools to give clerical assistance to the draft boards.

Gen. Crowder has requested that the teachers give their services after school hours to assist the boards in clerical work. The school committee yesterday issued an appeal to teachers and pupils to volunteer their services.

The masters of elementary districts and the headmasters of high schools were authorized by the board to cooperate, outside of school hours, with representatives of the Greater Boston council, Boy Scouts of America, in the organization and encouragement of troops of Boy Scouts and patrols among their pupils.

Leave of absence for military service was granted to the following teachers: Walter F. Connolly of the Boston Trade school, Edward J. McCarthy of the High School of Commerce, John L. May of the George Putnam district, and John J. Boyan of the Continuation school.

Executive duties concerning the management of a building with 10 rooms and eight grades. The board received a letter signed by Capt. Frank Kusumoto of the English High School Rifle team, accompanied by petitions from the English High Latin High and West Roxbury High schools, requesting that small appropriations be made for the purpose of instructing the boys of these schools in rifle practice. Both these requests were taken under consideration.

The board announced that after Jan. 1 courses in the Trade School for girls, after regular day school hours, will be styled trade extension courses, instead of evening classes, as now.

The six leading cities of Japan are Tokio, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Kioto and Nagoya. Of these Yokohama has 6123 foreign residents; Kobe, 3392; Tokio, 2418, and Nagoya, 90.

GOULD NOW A SERGEANT
CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Dec. 14.—Klingdon Gould won his second promotion in the national army yesterday when he was made a sergeant and attached to the intelligence office as a division interpreter. He has studied several languages.

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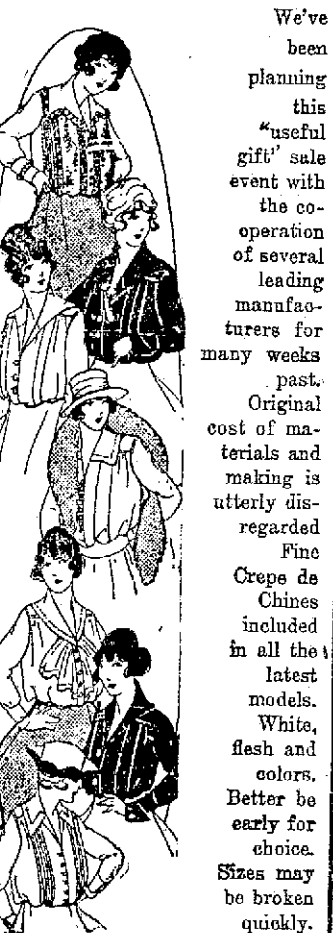


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BAY STATE RELIEF UNIT LEAVES HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—With the relief situation so well in hand that its services no longer were required, the Massachusetts relief unit left for home today. The departure of the delegation, members of the general committee declared, meant that the city of Halifax, profiting by its help and its counsel was prepared now to handle its own problem.

This is evident throughout the city. Each passing day has seen great progress made. The continued cold, however, has retarded work in the strip of territory laid bare by the blast of a territorial ship and it will be days, perhaps, before the snow has thawed sufficiently to enable soldiers and workmen to drag the ruins for bodies known to be there. The task of cleaning, marking and rebuilding the homes in a two and a half square mile area hardly can be accomplished in a year if it is helped by the committee directing that activity.

Public Funeral Postponed

The big public funeral service planned for today was postponed until Monday because of the difficulty of op-

ening graves. After the burial of the dead from the fire zone Camp Hill Cemetery, where the hundreds of those lost on the Titanic and the Bourgogne, will be filled and closed.

Will Not Celebrate Christmas

Perhaps the most touching aftermath of the disaster is the fear generally experienced by citizens today that for the first time in its history Halifax this year will not celebrate Christmas. The dealers have abandoned all plans for the holiday rush. The store buildings are dark within and only those familiar with the layout of the town are able to locate without difficulty shops of landmark type.

Christmas For the Destitute

Business virtually was suspended for days, only those establishments supplying food and clothing being operated on full time. Some effort will be made to make the Yuletide the happiest possible under the circumstances for the destitute and for the bulk of the wounded who will be in hospitals long after the holiday season. "Let this be a Christmas for the destitute" seems to be the universal thought of committees actively in charge of every branch of relief.

Reconstruction Mission

Many of the New England surgeons and nurses will spend Christmas here. Already they have planned for a real New England Christmas in the hospitals, especially in those institutions

crowded with children, the majority of whom may be blind for good. With its nerve back to normal again Halifax has started on its great reconstruction mission in a way which has astounded even its own people. Not much can be done until the snow clears, and the snow has brought the added danger of epidemics. After a general survey of the health situation the authorities announced today that the chart at the health bureau was remarkably clear. Physicians agree, however, that conditions must be closely watched in order that every effort may be made to prevent the spread of disease when the vitality of a large part of the population is low.

Rehabilitation Work

SALEM, Dec. 14.—Christian Lantz of this city today started for Halifax to take charge of the work of rehabilitation there on response to a telegraphic request from John F. Moors, head of the American Red Cross relief work at Halifax. Mr. Lantz, who is secretary of the Young Men's Christian association here, was chairman of the rehabilitation committee after the disastrous fire which swept a great part of the city in 1914. Mr. Moors at that time was a member of the general relief committee here.

PNEUMONIA FOLLOWS MEASLES IN CAMP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The measles epidemic in the camps of the 13th, 15th, 38th and 39th divisions of the National Guard troops no longer constitutes a menace, according to a report for the week ending Dec. 7, made public today by Surgeon General Gorgas. Pneumonia following measles has increased particularly in the 38th division and slightly in the 34th, 35th and 39th.

The report shows 150 deaths during the week in the National Guard of which 171 were from pneumonia and 74 deaths in the National army of which 47 were from pneumonia.

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COMING MONDAY—DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "Down to Earth"

PERSHING SURE OF VICTORY

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, Dec. 13. (By the Associated Press.)—A number of well known war correspondents of important French newspapers have visited the American troops and followed the lines of communication from the sea to the advanced camps. After interviewing Gen. Pershing, who expressed to them his unalterable confidence in an allied victory, the journalists summarized their impressions in the following statement:

"We have come to a striking realization of American power. We have the fullest confidence in the aid which America's army will render us and we are more than ever convinced of victory. We have been struck particularly by the heroism in arms of the Americans and Frenchmen and nothing rejoices us more than the vigor, high spirits and enthusiasm of our allies from overseas."

The party made a long visit to a camp of former National Guardsmen, where they partook of the soldiers' mess. They also visited and had long talks with the troops returned from the trenches, especially those who were wounded.

HIGHEST TIDE IN 12 YEARS AT NEW BEDFORD

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 14.—One of the severest windstorms in recent years resulted in the highest tide here today in 12 years. Collars along the New Bedford and Fairhaven shores were flooded and many small craft were driven ashore. The fire department pumped the water out of one factory and part of the Manomet mill was shut down because of water in one of the rooms.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CONWAY—The funeral of William F. Conway will take place from his home, 34 Epping street, Saturday morning, at 8 o'clock. A mass of requiem will be sung in the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge.

CULLINAN—The body of Mrs. Gertrude (Herrick) Cullinan of Brockton will be brought to Lowell Sunday afternoon, burial to take place in St. Patrick's cemetery.

FOSTER—The funeral of last evening at the home of his son, C. Percy Foster, 553 Wilder street, aged 69 years, 3 months. Funeral service will be held at 553 Wilder st., Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Friends invited without further notice. Burial private.

READY—The funeral of Mrs. Honora Ready will be held Saturday morning at her late home, 32 E. Broadway, at 8:15 o'clock. A high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker P. H. Savage in charge.

DEATHS

FOSTER—Frank Foster died yesterday at the home of his son, C. Percy Foster, 553 Wilder street.

PAYTON—Thomas Payton died at his home in Billerica Centre yesterday morning. Besides his wife, Lillie M., he leaves four daughters, Mrs. May, Mrs. Morgan and Nellie M., and five sons, Thomas E., John W., James A., Chester W. and Joseph S., all of Billerica Centre.

CAVE—The funeral services of Mrs. Phoebe Cave will be held at the home of her niece, Mrs. Carl A. Richmond at Tyngsboro, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Aquila Rice, pastor of the Congregational church at Wakefield. Appropriate selections were sung by Mrs. H. Edward Symonds. The bearers were Messrs. Albert, Arthur and Horatio Cave and Chester Queen. Burial will take place today in the family lot in the Pine Grove cemetery at Farmington, N. H. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

LEE—The funeral of Sgt. Frederick Lee of the United States Marine corps took place yesterday afternoon. Burial was in the Marine cemetery, Chelsea, with military honors. Undertakers M. J. McDonough, H. Bartlett and J. A. Weinbeck.

HALL—The funeral services of Mrs. Euphemia D. Hall were held at her home, 1525 Bridge street, Draught, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Ernest E. Bartlett, pastor of the Draught Centre Congregational church and appropriate selections were sung by Charles G. Martin, Warren Reid, Harry Brittain and Edward Wirt of the American quartet. The bearers were Clinton Coffin, Albert Fox, C. Harvey and Harry Fox. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Bartlett. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

BOYLE—The funeral of James P. Boyle took place this morning from

his late home, 5 Bolton place, off Franklin street at 9 o'clock, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9:45 by Rev. James Kerrigan. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The bearers were John Fiehl, Thomas Boyle, Philip Farrell, Robert Gangle, Flick Ashmore and John Foley. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Rev. James Kerrigan read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge of funeral arrangements.

COLLINS—The funeral of Thomas F. Collins took place this morning from the rooms of Undertaker P. H. Savage, at 8:30 o'clock. A high mass of requiem was sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Rev. Joseph Curtin officiating. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. A delegation from the Ellis included John M. Farrell, George A. Campbell and W. F. Sweeney, H. V. Nutter, A. T. Sweeney, T. J. Lynch, L. Muckenstrum and A. J. Plunkett, all of Boston. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Joseph Curtin read the committal prayers. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Peter H. Savage.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's Assn. Bldg.

Gift Banjos, 402 Wyman's Exchange.

James H. Walker has returned from the woods of South Machias, Me., where for the past 12 days he kept himself busy with his friend, John Cook of Baltimore, Md., in shooting big game.

At 9 o'clock this morning the ambulance was called to the Appleton mills and removed George A. Robinson of 384 High street to the Lowell City hospital. He was suffering from an injury to his right arm.

An alarm from box 35 at 11:41 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a blaze on School street and Jewett place. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

Eugene Vlau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Vlau of Hildreth street, has enlisted in the provisional department of the U. S. army as a plumber and he is now at Washington, D.C., awaiting assignment. Prior to his enlistment he was employed at the Charlestown navy yard as a pipe and plumber. He has a brother, Orlando P. Vlau, who is now with the Medical corps at Camp Merritt, Tenedy, N. Y.

S. Wales Dixon, in charge of training camp recreation activities in Lowell, is the author of an article entitled "Recreation for Everybody" in the current number of The American City, a magazine devoted to municipal affairs and town planning. Mr. Dixon's article tells of some of the innovations which the park commission of Hartford, Conn., introduced in the line of municipal recreation work while he was a member of the board.

JEWELL BROTHERS, MEMBERS OF N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE MAKE ASSIGNMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Jewell Brothers, members of the New York stock exchange, who have conducted a business for sale in this city since 1894 today made an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

The firm issued a statement which broke the news of its liquidation. It stated that the firm had been unable to obtain certain securities carried by it for customers and inability of some customers to put up additional margin in order to protect interests of all who have made an assignment.

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IMO'S HELMSMAN UNDER ARREST AS GERMAN SPY

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 14.—John Johnson, helmsman of the Imo, which rammed the Mont Blanc and caused the Halifax disaster, was arrested yesterday, charged with being a German spy. On him were found German notes. His contents are kept a secret. Authorities hinted that they are of great significance. It was through the alertness of a nurse in the Rhode Island unit at Bellevue hospital, Miss Amy Phillips of Truro, that the arrest was brought about. Johnson has been in the hospital several days. He acted so suspiciously several times that Miss Phillips was put on her guard. Finally, when he is alleged to have offered a bribe to the nurse, if she would let him leave the hospital, she notified Capt. H. G. Lappan of Boston and Johnson was quickly taken into custody. Previously Johnson had tried to leave the hospital, but was prevented from departing. J. C. Burchall, counsel for the Imo's owners in the admiralty hearing on the crash between the Imo and Mont Blanc, said last night that a story that a secret code in German had been found on Johnson was absolutely without foundation. Johnson, Mr. Burchall said, had been living in the United States 10 years and, as he was anxious to return to his old home in Norway, he shipped on the Imo. It is Mr. Burchall's theory that Johnson, who is to testify at the inquiry, was still dazed from the effects of the explosion, and was making efforts to escape from the hospital, fearing that he might be put in jail because of the crash which caused the loss of so many lives. **Denies Germans Have Wireless** Gen. Benson, military commander here, yesterday denied that a secret wireless station, overlooking The Narrows, has been found and six men and two women arrested as German spies. Because the Church of England in-



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Flat Rib.....	15c lb.	Best Spare Ribs.....	18c lb.	Large Onions, 6 lbs.....	25c
Sticker Pieces.....	18c lb.	Best Spg. Lamb Chops.....	38c lb.	Small Onions, 3 lbs.....	10c
Fancy Chuck Roast.....	18c lb.	Best Tp. Rnd. Steak.....	38c lb.	Yellow Turnips.....	2c lb.
Top Rib Roasts.....	20c lb.	Best Sirloin.....	40c lb.	Carrots.....	2c lb.
Sirloin Roasts.....	24c lb.	Best Vein Steak.....	35c lb.	Beets.....	4c lb.
Stew Beef.....	14c lb.	Best Rump Steak.....	45c lb.	Cabbage.....	2 1/2c lb.
Edge Bones.....	12 1/2c lb.	Campbell's Soups.....	10c	Parsnips.....	4c lb.
Soup Bones.....	5c lb.	Libbey's Canned Beans.....	15c	Fancy Baldwin Apples.....	50c pk.
Forequarters Veal.....	14c lb.	Fancy Canned Peas.....	15c	Good Pie Apples.....	25c pk.
Fatrs. Spring Lamb.....	22c lb.	Macaroni, pkg.....	10c	Large Head Lettuce.....	5c
Fresh Cut Hambrg. Stk.....	15c lb.			Fancy Navel Oranges.....	30c doz.
Fresh Hog Liver.....	15c lb.			Mixed Nuts.....	25c lb.
Sirloin Steak.....	25c lb.			Fancy Grapefruit.....	3 for 25c
Good Steak.....	22c lb.				

LEGS OF SPRING LAMB LEGS OF NATIVE VEAL BOSTON MARKET DELERY

stitute building, where the Red Cross headquarters have been located is likely to fall, the headquarters were moved yesterday to the Quoth building on Barrington street. The Halifax papers yesterday pay glowing tributes to A. C. Ratschky, in charge of the Massachusetts relief workers in Halifax, for his valuable services since the disaster. Halifax has received the party from the Calvin Austin, the first Boston relief steamship, with open arms. Nothing is too good for the disaster. Harry Brooks of Boston, purser on the Calvin Austin, yesterday went to telephone to call up his father in Yarmouth, N. S., and his mother. He was recognized by his father, who was in the hospital, and refused to let Brooks pay for the call. His father was formerly a sea captain in the Boston-London service. Mrs. J. Rowe Webster of the Special Aid society yesterday obtained an express wagon and, undisturbed by the bitter cold, devoted all day to distributing supplies brought from Boston. Mrs. Webster and other relief workers are quartered on the steamer. Capt. O'Donnell found a boy and a girl aged 8 and 10, respectively, half frozen and shivering, staggered through the street with arms full of boards, which well might have taxed the strength of full grown men. He bought the girl some new mittens and carried the boards to the children's home. The family was found destitute. Capt. O'Donnell sent Red Cross workers to aid the family. Just before he left Boston, Capt. O'Donnell's little daughter gave him a small pair of shoes to take to Halifax. He gave them to this family.

PELLETIER READY TO FACE ACCUSERS

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Suffolk county appeared before Supreme Court Justice Charles A. DeCoursey today and asked for an immediate hearing on the petition for his removal filed yesterday by Geoffrey L. Cabot of Cambridge and Rev. Frederick D. Allen of the Watch and Ward society. The petitioners charged the district attorney with negligence in prosecutions and failure to collect bonds of defaulters. Judge DeCoursey stated that he was unable to set a date for a hearing as the statutes provided that a majority of the justices must act in a case of this nature. Later the district attorney conferred by telephone with Chief Justice Arthur P. Ruger at Worcester and was told that if the petition was in proper form action would be taken at once.

U.S. ENGINEERS KILLED BY GERMAN BOMBS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 14 (By The Associated Press).—A number of American railway engineers have been killed by German aerial bombs in a town somewhere behind the British front. It is permitted to announce that a German bomb fell in a street in a town through which American troops were passing. Pieces of the bomb shattered the windows of a house in which there were officers, showering them with glass, but hurting no one. Two American soldiers have died in hospital from gunshot wounds.

ARMY AND NAVY

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army station two additional recruits were also despatched later in the day. They were Benjamin J. Moloney of 177 Summer street and Patrick J. Tarpey of 14 West street. Both enlisted in the well known lawyer of the Hill street building. He is the third lawyer from this building to enlist within the past few days. The other two are Arthur L. Eno and George H. Allard, both of whom have joined the regular forces.

Barber Great War Fan
Peter Topjian, employed for the past year and a half as a barber in Glidden's barber shop in The Sun building, has given up his tonsorial duties temporarily and is now with the regular army at Fort Slocum, N. Y. Mr. Topjian enlisted Tuesday and went away with the contingent of 68 which left Lowell yesterday morning. His associates stated to a Sun representative this morning that Topjian was one of the most enthusiastic war "fans" in Lowell and that any man in uniform with whom he came in contact was sure to be given a verbal "questionnaire" concerning the whims and whorfores of military activities. When he heard of the fall of Jerusalem he could stand it no longer and immediately expressed his intentions of enlisting in Uncle Sam's forces.

Recruits For Navy
The local navy recruiting station

357 Middlesex St. Burgess-Lang Building

POPULAR LOWELL BOY 75-MILE GALE JOINS REGULARS SWEEPS CAPE

Martin E. Connors, son of Lieut. and Mrs. Martin Connors of 61 Bellevue street, left Lowell this morning for Fort Slocum, N. Y., where he is to become a member of the quartermaster's department of the regular army. Mr. Connors was unusually well known in Lowell and was especially prominent in school circles. He was graduated from the Moody grammar school in 1914 and was captain of the basketball team while at that school. He entered the Lowell high school in 1911 and was graduated from that institution.



MARTIN E. CONNORS

tion in 1915. He was president of the class of 1915 and had also taken leading parts in several of the theatrical productions of the school. In the fall of 1915 he entered Holy Cross college and was a student at the Worcester institution for two years. Last September he entered Boston college as a member of the junior class and had attended the New school up until the past week when he enlisted in the national forces. Mr. Connors is of draft age and rather than take a chance on being sent temporarily to join the regular army, "Marty," as he is best known to his friends, was a member of the Lowell Boston College club. He had been in Central street and had made many friends in this capacity. He is the son of Lieut. Martin Connors, the well known officer of the local police department.

BANK ROBBERS TAKE \$47,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Two hundred pounds of money, totalling \$47,000, was carried off by the five men who yesterday robbed the La Grange state bank at LaGrange, a western suburb. It became known today after an indemnity insurance company had checked up the bank's cash. It was at first believed that only \$20,000 was obtained by the robbers, but later inspection revealed that they took 140 pounds of gold currency and 60 pounds of silver. The robbery took place yesterday at noon, but a heavy snow storm obscured the robbers at work in the street and people in the street and they escaped in an automobile.

OLGA, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE FORMER CZAR OF RUSSIA IS SERIOUSLY ILL

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—It is reported from Tobolsk, Siberia, that Olga, eldest daughter of former Emperor Nicholas, is seriously ill. She sent three men to Boston today on the 12:15 train. They were Clarence J. Williams, 18 Brown street, fireman; William J. Flynn, 324 Central street, fireman; Frederick J. Donovan, 1646 Central street, blacksmith.

Canadian Battalion

Albert St. Pierre is the latest Lowell recruit to sign up as a member of the 24th Canadian battalion, for which Sergt. Edward Filmer is recruiting in Lowell under the auspices of the British and Canadian recruiting street and will leave for Boston tomorrow. Sergt. J. Healey was in charge of British and Canadian recruiting at the war work headquarters today in the absence of Lieut. Stetlin and Sergt. Filmer who were in Boston. Sergt. Healey is a very young looking chap and comes from Manchester, Eng. He says that there are 20 battalions in the Manchester regiment and that many of these have already seen service at the front. His own battalion took part in the Gallipoli disaster and 40 members of it were killed. Sergt. Healey was not in this battle as he had previously met with a serious accident which left him unable to bear the strain of battle. He was in a hospital for some time and is now recruiting duty until he will be able to take his place on the firing line.

Gone To Fort Slocum

William E. McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McCarthy of 331 Reber street, covered his connections with the Cudahy Packing Company recently and enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the regular army. Mr. McCarthy had been employed as a cashier with the Cudahy company and upon the occasion of his leaving for the front his fellow employees presented him a number of useful gifts. Mr. McCarthy went with the Cudahy packing company to the time of his enlistment, by Morris Nelson & Co., wholesale beef dealers and was considered one of the best bookkeepers and accountants in any of their branch offices throughout the country.

John Callahan, 282 Appleton street, is today starting for Lowell to enter the service of Uncle Sam with the many others who have joined the quartermaster's department at Fort Slocum. Mr. Callahan, whose parents are from Lowell, was employed up to the time of his enlistment by Nelson & Co., wholesale beef dealers and was considered one of the best bookkeepers and accountants in any of their branch offices throughout the country. John Delaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Delaney, 349 Concord street, has joined the colors, choosing the quartermaster's department. Previous to his departure yesterday for Fort Slocum he was presented a handsome wrist watch by his friends and fellow employees of the American Hide & Leather company. **Pewsbury Soldiers**
The towns surrounding Lowell are doing their share in the present recruiting drive. Pewsbury sent three of her sons to Fort Slocum yesterday. They were Eugene, Manley, Myron Willard and Russell Millett.

CHATHAM, Dec. 14.—A 75-mile southwesterly gale which swept over Cape Cod last night accompanied by the highest tide in years drove a four-masted coal laden schooner onto Stone House shoal and her position today indicated that she would be a total wreck. The crew of the vessel was taken ashore at Stony Point and the vessel was unable to launch their boat because of the blow. The schooner's crew could not be seen from shore and it was believed they had taken refuge in the forward house. Only the boy of the vessel was visible. The schooner, which is commanded by Capt. Greenwood of Machias, Me., and carried a crew of ten men, got into trouble a week ago while on a voyage from Norfolk for Portland, striking on Round Shoal and losing an anchor. A tug pulled her off and towed her to an anchorage off Haverhill where she lay when the gale struck her last night and snapped the remaining anchor chain. The wind and tide did great damage at many points on the cape. Several buildings were unroofed here and at North Truro the freight house collapsed onto the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, blocking traffic between Truro and Provincetown. At Wareham and other points bad washouts were reported by railroad officials.

THE DAY'S NEWS AT CITY HALL

City Solicitor William D. Regan went to Cambridge yesterday and appeared before Justice King of the civil session of the superior court in an endeavor to secure a new trial in the case of Emma Crockett vs. the city of Lowell, an action of tort which was tried recently and in which a verdict of \$1000 was rendered for the plaintiff. Mr. Regan argued for a new trial on the ground that the verdict had been rendered against the weight of evidence and against the law. Lawyer Owens, who was counsel for the plaintiff, did not appear. Justice King after hearing the argument, informed the solicitor that he would reserve his decision. **Conduits and Manholes**
Edwin Albrecht, commissioner for the state board of labor and industries, has written a letter to City Clerk Flynn, stating that the board is preparing rules and regulations relative to the construction and maintenance of conduits and manholes, and the board would like a copy of any rules and regulations governing the kind of work, which may have been adopted by the city. **Board of Health**
Miss Elizabeth Robison, the local representative of the state department of health, baby department, has written a letter to the local board of health asking for an opportunity for her and Dr. C. E. Simpson to be heard on important matters at the next regular meeting of the board, which will be held Dec. 24. The request was granted. **Testing Cook Wells**
The Cook wells are being tested today by employees of the water department and if they prove satisfactory they will be put in operation as soon as conditions warrant it. Commissioner Brown stated this morning that although the shortage of water is still being felt, it is not as bad as it was yesterday, for this morning, it was noticed that the decrease in the water supply in the Centralville reservoir was not as large as yesterday.

Hallfax Fund

A check to the amount of \$100 was received this morning by Mayor O'Donnell from Hobson & Lawler for the Massachusetts Relief fund, and the check was immediately forwarded to Treasurer Robert Winsor in Boston.

Edks Thank Mayor

Mayor O'Donnell this morning received a letter of thanks from the Lowell lodge of Edks for the excellent memorial address delivered at the memorial services conducted by the lodge Dec. 2.

Chauveurs Examined

Examiner Hubbell of the state highway commission came to city hall this morning and examined 15 candidates for a chauffeur's license. The men examined were from various cities and towns along the Merrimack valley.

Exemption Board

The exemption board of division 2 at city hall wishes to notify the registrants who have changed their address since the date of their registration to notify the board at once and they are also requested to include in their notification their order number.

COOK DIES AT AYER --DRILLS SUSPENDED

AYER, Dec. 14.—Thomas Terrio of Sherman Station, Me., died today at the base hospital at Camp Devens. He was cook for the 25th company of the depot brigade and spent Wednesday night in the trenches preparing food for the men training in trench warfare. He was taken ill at his work and medical officers declare he was suffering from peritonitis. They expressed the belief that the illness had been developing for some time. The cantonment was covered with snow today and drills were suspended while the men devoted their time to shoveling. The roads were almost impassable and could be negotiated only by the highest powered motors, while the trolley line to the village was tied up by the storm until noon.

MRS. MENNIE'S STATEMENT

Mrs. Goldie Akerley Mennie called at The Sun office today to state that she has not seen her husband, John F. Mennie, as indicated by a notice published over his signature in The Sun of Dec. 12, 1917.

Jas. F. Miskella

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APPLES AS LEGAL TENDER IN REAL ESTATE DEAL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

EXETER, N. H., Dec. 11.—New Hampshire apples are this year passing as legal tender, like the barrels of New England rum of colonial days, which was given in payment of land from the Indians. Three barrels of apples have been used as payment for real estate in Londonderry. The deed was brought to the Rockingham county registry here recently, stating that for one dollar, and other considerations, including three barrels of Baldwin apples each year, the Copp of Derry conveyed to Talbot Buttrick of Londonderry, land and buildings.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE FOR BOYS AT AYER

AYER, Dec. 14.—The war department order restricting Christmas leave will not affect members of the National army who will be allowed to spend the holiday at home. Maj. Gen. M. Peek, division ordinance and press intelligence officer, received a despatch from Washington today stating that the restrictions would not apply to this cantonment.

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